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AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian officials Tuesday briefed an envoy from the director general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Coltural Organisation (UNESCO) about Israel's violations of educational liberties in the occupied territories. Father Bone, who is currently on a fact-finding tour of the Arab region, heard the views from the Department of Palestinian Affairs Director-General Ahmad Quatanani at a meeting in Amman. Israel Is committing serious violations of the Palestinian people's rights to education by cuotionously closing Arab schools and universities, Qatanani noted while reviewing the general situation in the occupied territories. The difficulties and obstacles laid before the Arab educational institutions, Qatanani said, come as a direct result of Israel's continued occupation of Arab territories and its determination to turn the Palestinians into an ignorant nation succumbing to Israel's colonial rule. Qatanani presented Bone with documents and reports exposing Israel's violations of Palestinian rights in general and disrupting the Arab people's learning process at educational institutions.

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to overcome one of the chief

obstacles to his Middle East

peace drive - Isaeli opposition

to an international conference.

second meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul

A ministry official said: "The

two countries agreed on the im-

portance of activating the Israeli

position and convincing Israel of

Shevardnadze on the third stop

of his Middle East mission has

scheduled separate meetings in

Cairo Wednesday with Israeli

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens

and, several hours later, with

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

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was spelled out Tuesday by Prime

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and home at Aspin and discussed the situation and found the Middle East.

Aspin chairman of the Armed Foundation in the Middle East.

Aspin, chairman of the Armed Foundation in the House of Representatives, is visiting Jor-Defici the dan as part of an orientation tour

The Thurse ing to U.S. embassy officials.

At his meeting with the prime minister, Aspin discussed Jor-Ave. and see dan's position with regard to the Middle East question and heard the Kingdom's views over how to achieve a just and durable peace

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Amman and a delegation accompanying Aspin.

Later Tuesday, Aspin was re-ceived by Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb, who reviewed with him the military situation in the region and discussed scopes of cooperation in addition to issues of mutual concern.

Mr. Aspin, a Democrat from southern Wisconsin, was first elected to the U.S. Congress in

King congratulated

In Amman, meanwhile, the

Royal Court received more con-

gratulatory cables addressed to King Hussein on the establish-

ment of the ACC, which was

Minister Sheikh Hamad Ibn Kha-

The King also received congra-

tulatory cables from Arah League

Secretary General Chadli Klihi,

Egyptian People's National Assembly Speaker Rifa't Al Mah-

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Minister Sai'b Salam, the secret-

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King Hussein received cables

Bush will not be 'stampeded' by Soviet moves in Mideast

Shevardnadze seeks

On his arrival in France, Sha-

Attempts by any party to rein-

force the PLO position would be

resisted as detrimental to the

by Shevardnadze is based on a Middle East peace conference sponsored by the five permanent

members of the United Nations

Security Council and attended by

Arens' government rejects the idea of a fully-fledged interna-

tional gathering and wants direct

talks with Arab states sponsored

only by the United States and the

of frequently-changed program-mes for Wednesday, Arafat will

arrive just before Arens is due to

fly out after giving a news confer-ence at the Al Salam Hotel.

According to the latest version

The Soviet blueprint outlined

"cause of peace," he said.

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big obstacle to peace.'

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Israel over peace

the PLO.

Soviet Union.

CAIRO (Agencies) - Soviet Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

WASHINGTON (AP) - President George Bush said Tuesday that the United States had not yielded momentum in foreign affairs to the Soviet Union and said he still wanted take "prudent" steps in foreign policy.

During an impromptu news conference on the eve of his departure on a six-day trip to the Far East, Bush was asked if Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's Middle East peace mission had given over omentum in the region to the

from Knwait's Sheikh Jaber Al Bush said the hypothesis was Ahmad Al Sabah, Bahrain's preposterous, although later he Sheikb Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa. said the Soviet role in the Middle Qatar's Sbeikh Khalifa Ibn East ought to be a "limited" one. He said there was no reason to be Hamad Al Thani, Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh alarmed by the Shevardnadze mission. Saad Al Salem Al Sabah and Qatari Crown Prince and Defence

"I don't want to be stampeded by the fact that the Soviet foreign minister takes a trip to the Middle East," he said. "In my view that's a good thing.

"The (foreign) policy is set. I campaigned on what the policy is, and I think it's quite clear," the president said. "The question is, what specific steps do we take

"I'd like for the first step that we take to be a prudent step." Asked later to clarify that statement, Bush said: "What I mean is I just don't want to send someone off on a mission, just to counter a trip by Mr. Shevar-

PLO warning

A senior Palestinian official warned the Soviet Union Tuesday against restoring ties with Israel before Washington and the Zionist state commit themselves to an international Middle East peace conference attended by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Yasser Abed Rabbo, head of the PLO information department the PLO," he said.

and a member of the PLO executive committee, also accused Washington of stalling in talks with the PLO to gain time for Israel to crush the 14-month-old Palestinian uprising.

Shevardnadze postponed a

speech to Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) from

Tuesday until Thursday when he

is expected to make a progress

report on his initiative. He then

leaves for Baghdad, next stop on

his 10-day, five-state tour. He is

Arens Tuesday visited Cairo's

Arens is the first minister from

He held talks with President

main synagogue and the Egyptian

Shamir's new coalition govern-

Hosni Mubarak Monday. Shevardnadze said Monday ex-

isting chances of Arab-Israeli

peace were genuine and the two sides should shed mutual suspi-

cions and engage in "civilised

drew on a desert simile to empha-

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In a speech, Shevardnadze

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scheduled finally to visit Iran.

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dialogue.'

"Washington is pushing Moscow into an unconditional re-surration of ties with Israel, offering in return only promises of a wider Soviet role in the Middle East," he said in a telephone interview with the AP in Nicosia from the PLO's headquarters in Tunis.

"We don't believe the Soviets will fall into this trap," he said. Abed Rubbo said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will discuss warming Israeli-Soviet relations when he meets Shevardnadze in Cairo Wednesday.

"We believe any resumption of Soviet-Israeli ties should be linked to the convening of an international conference, attended by



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday presents a prize to trhid Mayor Abdul Razak Tubeishat for securing first place in an inter-municipality competition (Petra photo)

Regent: Regional cooperation needs change in consumption

MADABA (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday called for a change in the consumption pattern in Jordan, particularly that the Kingdom is now looking forward to dealing with other Arab states within a new concept of regional cooperation aimed at formulating an effective and pro-ductive development tool.

Speaking at a celebration to honour municipal councils that won a competition organised by the Ministry of Municipalities and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Prince Hassan said various regional development conferences held in Jordan had opened up a broad gate for responsibile dialogue in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hussein. Such meetings, the Regent said, have a comprehensive perspective that encourages constructive differences in opinion with a view to reaching a responsible and collective stand.

The sectoral meetings held in the past months have contributed to strengthening ties and interaction among sectoral projects and helped development planning such as agriculture and food, and eils,

NICOSIA (R) — Iran recalled its

envoys from the European Com-

munity (EC) Tuesday, increasing

Tehran's isolation in the row over

death threats against author Sal-

The Iranian move was in re-

taliation for Monday's decision

by EC members to withdraw their

Britain is withdrawing all five

of its diplomats after only reopen-

ing its embassy last November.

Iranian leaders, including prag-matists who have promoted more

moderate relations with the

West, closed ranks as the furore

mounted over the death order

against Rushdie for blaspheming

Deputy Foreign Minister Ali

Mohammad Besharati attacked

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van

den Broek for cancelling a visit.

clash with Iran over the British

Europe faced defeat in the

the Islamic faith.

Amman's drinking water — filtering the jargon

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the Regent said, Jurdan has been able to live up to such challenges through dedicated work to build institutions capable of shouldering the heaviest burdens of responsibility.

The Regent expressed hope that Jordan would be able, through self-control measures, to discuss development and economic policies and chart the path that can correct the economic march by involving the entire society in the decision-making process.

The Crown Prince called for an end to duplication between the perspective of development and the perspective of financial and economic administration, and for a reconsideration of priorities for investments in the country.

The creation of three secretaries general councils in the government has placed a major responmachinery to create a natural interaction between sectors -

and economic situations, the Re- licalth and education - the Regent said. The Crown Prince stressed the

need for evaluation meetings held

every three months. Minister of Municipalities and Rural Affairs and the Environ-ment Marwan Al Hmoud addressed the Madaba meeting and said the inter-municipality competition organised by the ministry was aimed at providing incentives to municipalities to offer better services to the public and advance standards of performance.

The minister called on local councils to concentrate on priorities and reschedule such priorities to conform with the current phase of comprehensive adjustment.

The Regent presented awards and certificates of appreciation to with a view to providing capital—the municipalities that won the competition. The Municipality of Irbid won the first prize in Category I municipalities followed by Salt and Tafileh municipalities. sibility on the administrative. The celebration was attended by several Cabinet members, gov-ernors and heads of local coun-

MK says most uprising deaths in army-initiated incidents

ary general of the Baghdad-based Arab Cooperative Association. OCCUPIED JERUSALEM of leaders of the uprising that was attacks. the secretary general of the Arah (Agencies) — An Israeli legisla- launched Dec. 8, 1987 Economists Association, the or said Tuesday that most secretary general of the Arah Palestinian uprising victims in the Journalists Association and the occupied West Bank were killed president of the Iraqi General during army raids of remote vil-Federation of Trade Unions, the lages and a growing number of director of the London-hased the fatalities were teenagers Arah Studies Centre and the rather than adults. chairman of the board of directors Dedi Zucker of the Citizens'

of the Arah Contractors' Associa-Rights Movement [CRM] said a new Israeli human rights group King Hussein also received called "Image" was formed this cables from representatives of the week to stir more public awarevarious Jordanian and Arah inness of these and other comstitutions and organisations and plaints of abuses by soldiers in the members of the diplomatic corps occupied territories. "A main need is to fight and

The cables stressed that the cope with the repression. People formation of the ACC was a sinare ignoring what is happening, cere, historical step on the path of Zucker told a gathering of the Arab integration and cohesion. foreign press association. In the occupied territories,

A prominent Arah economist has said that the establishment of meanwhile, businesses remained the ACC was hadly needed to shut for a third consecutive day in counter international economic the longest work stoppage blocs that maintain economic and ordered by underground uprising political lies with the Arab World. leaders.

> Observance of the strike was seen as a key test of the strength

Zucker, a member of the Knesset (MK), said a study of the 322 Palestinians the army says were killed in the first 13 months of the uprising showed most of the victims in the West Bank were from isolated villages rather than refugee camps, often considered the main hotbeds of resistance activity.

"I think probably the most important explanation is the initiatives and raids by the army in small villages," said Zucker. He said the raids are often staged to root out popular committees who declare autonomy from the

Israeli occupation authorities. "The number of killings then affects the activity, so that in areas where more Palestinians are killed the tensions tend to escalate," Zucker added.

Zucker's contentions challenged a key army assertion that soldiers use violence in the occupied territories mainly in response to stoning and firebomb

Zucker cited the Tulkarem and Qalqilya areas of the West Bank, where 20 out of 30 Palestinians who died between Dec. 9, 1987 and Jan. 15, were from villages. In the city of Ramallah, no Palestinians were killed during that period, while 30 died in

neighbouring villages, he said.

In the densely populated Gaza

Strip, where there are no isolated villages, most of the 94 deaths analysed by Zucker occurred during clashes in crowded towns. On Tuesday, troops shot and

wounded two Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including a 14-year-old wounded in his thigh and an 1g-year-old critically wounded in the shoulder, doctors said.

In a related development police said there were "growing indications" that an explosion that killed an Israeli taxi driver in the West Bank Feb. 9 was caused by a technical fault in his car and not an attack as earlier believed. Israel Radio reported.

Tchran newspaper article quoted hy the official news agency

Tehran hits back in churning

"And you Brittan, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Norway and (West) Germany: Don't threaten us. Such threats have always hrought positive results for our people and losses for you.

heads of mission and cut high-Rushdie himself is in hiding under police protection in Bri-Danish Ambassador Hans tain. The 41-year-old author, Grunnet left Tehran Tuesday. born into a Muslim Indian family, The West German ambassador is has said he regretted offending already in Bonn, while other Muslims in his award-winning novel, a surreal work on good heads of mission were preparing

and evil. Iran's spiritual leader Ayardlah Ruhollah Khomeini, who first ordered Rushdie's death 10 days ago, has rejected the apology.

Bush backs EC

President Bush said he supported EC actions against Iran in esponse to the death threats. I strongly support the EC 12 declaration in response to the Iranian threats against Rushdic." Bush told a White House news conference — and he declared he would hold the Iranian governauthor's novel "The Satanic ment accountable if its "incite-

EC twist to Rushdie row American interests.

Tehran Radio qunted Prime Minister Mir-Hosein Mousavi as saying Tuesday Khomeini's edict "will undoubtedly be carried out... the person who has become a tool of Zionist against Islam... will be punished."

Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani echoed Tehran's defiance against

the European Community. "We do not fear any such threats and we are prepared to follow our own path at any costs," he told parliament.

West Germany, which pressed hardest for EC sanctions against Iran at the foreign ministers meeting in Brussels Monday, said it had shelved a cultural exchange

agreement with Tehran. The West-German section of the international writers' group PEN called for economic sanctions and urged French and West German publishers to put translations of "The Satanic Verses," on the market despite threats against

The French financial daily Les Echos said, however, French companies were staying in Iran in

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Two Iraqi ministers begin visit to Jordan

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iraqi Awqaf Minister Abdullah iraqi Awqaf Minister Abdullah iraqi adel discussed with his Jordahayyat scopes of cooperation in

the field of wqaf, especially investment of waqf property, and exchange of expertise. They also discussed issues on holding Islamic book exhibitions, televised symposiums, lectures and the allocation of seats in the University of Jordan and Baghdad University for students from both countries in line with an agreement signed last year.

Both ministers praised the strong bilateral relations and paid tribute to the formation of the Arab Cooperation Council and noted in particular the efforts made by His Majesty King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and the other Arab lead-

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN -- Although the

drinking water pumped to the Amman area from the East Ghor Canal (EGC) is bacteriafree, some water experts from the University of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) assert that it may contain some organic substance which may produce triha-lamethans (THM — a pollutant said to be carcinagenic) when subjected to chlorination treatment.

This is the second of a two-part report The director of the industrial chemistry department at the RSS, Dr. Murad Bino, and the manager of the environmental pollution studies division at the RSS, Subhi Ramadan, point out that it is difficult to identify how much of these organie substances are actually present in the EGC, "Since no tests have been conducted." but agree that there is a probicm when some of these orga-

nic materials are chlorinated. The RSS has presented to the Ministry of Planning a proposal to test for these pollu-

tants. To-date they have not received a response to their request for funding.

The Chemistry Department at the University of Jordan has also submitted a request to the Ministry of Planning to run tests on organic contaminates. "We have been refused since the university has a water research centre which knows how to run tests on only inorganic compounds," said Alawi. The WAJ refutes claims that

such compounds are present in the water. Gedeon says that pesticides had been monitored and are "below international

levels - if they are used." He also refuted Alawi's slatement that the Ministry of Health was using the oldest kind of pesticide, DDT, at a level higher than the interna-

tionally allowed standard.

As for the phosphate and nitrate concentrations in the EGC, experts agree that the concentrations are "tolerable." Both phosphate and nitrate can cause problems when in excess since they create an environment suitable for abundant algea, which in turn lessens the amount of oxygen in the water, killing the live habitat in the

Besharati said in a ment" resulted in any attacks on

In addition, if water with a heavy concentration of nitrate is taken in by humans, "the nitrate reacts with the blood, and the result is blue babies due to the lack of oxygen," said microbiologist at the Universitv of Jordan, Dr. Fuad Hashweh, adding that no other effects of nitrate are known.

However, Hashweh noted that algea growth in the EGC was "minimal and harmless," especially in winter, indicating low concentration of nitrate and making the treatment of the water "casier."

Summer is another story. said Hashweh, explaining that in mid-April "the temperatures rise, water level decreases and nutrients in the water increase, producing a number of algea." As for the phosphate con-

centrations, Hashweh notes that they come mainly from washing detergents which can not be treated in plants. "Phosphate allows the water quality to deteriorate and I believe that detergents with phosphates should be banned by Jordan," he said.

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Arab League opens Lebanon crisis talks

KUWAIT (R) --- An Arab League committee opened talks Tuesday with Lebanese religious leaders in a fresh bid to reconcile Lebanon's warring factions and end a five-month-old political crisis.

Committee Chairman Sheikh meeting with Lehanon's rival Sahah Al Ahmad Al Sahah. Kuwait's foreign minister, warned it could be the last chance to save Lehanon from splitting

"If the Lebanese do not take advantage of the spirit of international harmony and do not benefit from the efforts of the Arab League committee, then the chance may not return," he told participants in opening remarks.

The committee comprises the foreign ministers of Kuwait, Jordan, the United Arah Emirates, Algeria, Sudan and Tunisia. It held its inaugural meeting in

Tunis last month. Lebanon, ravaged by nearly 14 years of civil strife, has since last September had no president, rival governments and a paralysed

parliament. Sheikh Sabah said Lebanon risked being torn apart unless its leaders quickly revived the country's political institutions and removed the causes of civil war.

He urged the six leaders representing Maronile, Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Sunni Muslim, Shi'ite Muslim and Druze communities to speak freely and oh-

jectively. A Kuwaiti official said the leaders would separately address the six-man committee in closed-door sessions. Maronite Patriarch Butros Sfeir would be the first to speak, followed by Sunni Muslim Mufti Sheikh Hassan Khaled.

The committee would seek to refine a working paper presented by Kuwait during last month's

prime ministers and parliament

speaker, the official said. The paper sets broad goals including election of a president. withdrawal of foreign troops and revival of the country's army and political institutions, he added.

The army is split along sectarian lines and challenged by militias that control parts of the country. At least 70 people were killed in east Beirut last week in street battles between units from the mainly-Christian army and rightist militiamen.

The latest bout of fighting followed bloody hattles between two rival Shi'ite militias last month in which at least 142 people were küled.

Lehanese sources quoted by Reuters said Sfeir would urge the containment of militias in Beirut, the withdrawal of Syrian troops from the capital and early presidential elections.

Muslim clerics, on their part, would seek priority for reforms giving Muslims more power in Lebanon's Christian-dominated sectarian political system, the sources said.

"The Arah panel wants first to know individual proposals and visualisations on the means of hringing about a national reconciliation in that war-torn counsaid a source quoted by the

The talks are focused on an Arab working paper oullining a possible settlement to the Lebanese strife.

No one has officially disclosed the contents of the working paper, but sources told the AP it was based on ending the foreign presence in Lebanon, electing a president and conducting political

The Muslim and Christian clerics met in two separate groups Monday night, each side working out unified stands in dealing with the committee, said the sources.

The league panel also met to discuss the Arah working paper with a team of Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry experts.

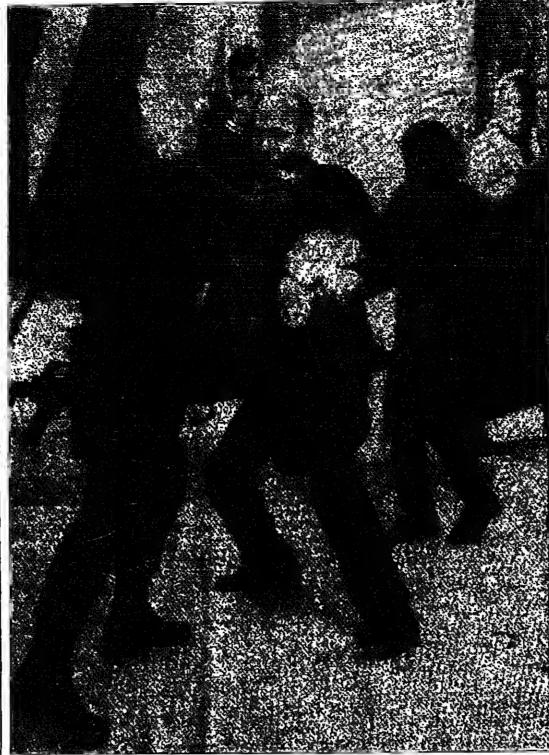
The Kuwait News Agency said the experts lined up the working paper on basis of the Lehanese constitution of 1926. The Maronites have traditionally held key posts in Lebanon, and Muslims have demanded a share of the power that reflects their larger population.

In various statements published in Kuwaiti newspapers, the visiting Lehanese clerics were in agreement on the necessity of ending the Israeli occupation of Lebanese territory and ending the foreign presence in their

"A way out of the crisis lies in pushing out those who created t," Patriarch Ignatius Hazim was quoted as saying. The newspapers said he was alluding to the Israéli occupation of South Lehanon.

Sfeir also said the Israeli occupation "should be tackled on basis of U.N. Security Council Resolution 425 which calls for Israel's withdrawal."

Sheikh Shamseddin said the Lebanese parties are discussing with the Arah panel "the Israeli factor and its impact on the Lebanese crisis."



An Israeli policeman shoves a Palestinian away as he tries to aid his son from arrest in Jerusalem

Dole: Israeli violence against

uprising erodes U.S. support

Geagea escapes assassination bid

BEIRUT (AP) - Police have reported that the leader of Lebanon's main rightist militia escaped assassination, but one of bis hodyguards was killed and a second was wounded when gunmen ambushed his motorcade.

A police spokesman said Monday that Samir Geagea, 39, riding in a bulletproof BMW car, was unhurt after his escorts shot it out for five minutes with men who intercepted the six-vehicle motorcade on east Beirut's Jisr Al Basha highway.

The attackers escaped and no group claimed responsibility, he

The spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the amhushers raked the motorcade as it approached an intersection in Jisr Al Basha at 11:45 a.m. (0945 GMT).

The miliua leader was driving to a meeting with army commander Michel Aoun, and soldiers took charge of escorting him to

the meeting at the presidential palace in east Beirut's Baabda suhurb, the spokesman reported. Monday marked the first direct

meeting hetween Aoun and Geagea since last week's hloody confrontation between the Lebanese Forces militia and Aoun's regular units.

The fighting for control of the Christian heartland east and northeast of Beirut killed more than 76 people and wounded 200, by police count.

Aoun's 20,000 troops now hold 75 per cent of the Christian enclave in Lebanon.

Geagea later described Monday's talks as positive and told reporters: "We can consider all last week's incidents as a thing of tbe past."

Geagea appeared on his militia's television station eight hours after the ambush and called it an "an accident."

Geagea said the clash took place when an army patrol. sent



quarters, failed to recognise his men and opened fire thinking they were gunmen infiltrating into army-controlled areas.

Sources close to Geagea said on condition of anonymity that he was playing down the attack to avert a new outbreak of fighting

with the army. Military sources, also speaking privately, said the army was investigating the assassination to a decline in American support for the Zionist state.

"I think they (Israelis) are los-ing support and I see it in my own part of the country... people are opposed to violence," the Senate minority leader told Israel Radio.

Monday Israel's violent response

"I understand the Israelis have ocen provoked many times, but i just doesn't wash anymore. And I think it's going to have an impact on Congress," the Kansas senator

At least 390 Palestinians have been killed in the I4-month-long uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

said.

Washington, Israel's closes1 ally, has criticised the Zionist state for using excessive force in quelling protests and has accused it of violating Palestinian rights in the occupied territories.

Israel receives \$3 billion a year warned last week that it might he TEL AVIV (R) — U.S. Senate Israel receive Republican leader Bob Dole said in U.S. aid.

Two Democratic Party legislato the Palestinian uprising had led tors involved in approving the



Bob Dole

cut unless the human rights record improved.

Asked if he agreed with them, Dole said: "I think that's a possihility, I think it's remote at this

"I don't see that much erosion. but I do believe that a lot of people are asking questions: 'Why do we always support Israel? Why do we veto any reprimand of Israel in the United Nations'?" he added.

The United States last week vetoed a Security Council resolution that would have strongly deplored Israel's actions in the West Bank and Gaza.

Dole, who failed to win the Republican Party nomination for the U.S. presidential election, said Washington was under pressure from Arah-Americans for a more even-handed policy and would scrutinise more closely future aid requests from Israel.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Israelis shell Lebanese village

NABATTYEH, Lebanon (AP) - Israeli troops shelled a village in South Lebanon Tuesday, following an anti-Israeli guerrilla attack. Police said five people were wounded. They said resistance fighters attacked Israeli positions on the hilltop villages of Alman and Shoumarieh inside Israel's self-designated "security zone" in South Lebanon at 9 a.m. (0700 GMT). Police did nor give further details of the guerrilla attack. They said Israeli troops retaliated by shelling Zawtar, six kilometres from the southern market town of Nabatiyeb. Police said among the casualties were a 54-year-old man, his wife and daughter, injured when a mortar round slammed into their house.

Mauritanians celebrate Maghreb union

NOUAKCHOTT (R) — Thousands of people, mostly of Moorish origin, took to the streets of Nouakchott Monday in support of the Arab Maghreb Union proclaimed last week by the leaders of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia. Mauritanian President Maaouya Sid 'Ahmad Ould Taya told the crowd the government would abide by its pledge towards the regional union of 62 million people, seen as a step towards eventual unity between all Arab states.

Sudanese rebels shell Juba

KHARTOUM (AP) — Rebel forces began shelling the southern provincial capital of Juha Monday with heavy artillery, according to a rebel broadcast over their clandestine radio monitored here. The radio said a rebel unit of John Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) called the "Shinning Star" has been carrying out the shelling and hinted the operation will continue until the city's downfall. There was no immediate government reaction and no independent verification of the claim. The SPLA Wednesday claimed capturing Liria, a heavily defended southern town southeast of Juha, which is a prime rebel target. The rebels late last month also captured the Upper Nile town of Nasir after months of siege. Nasir is 800 kilometres south of Khartoum and 32 kilometres from the Ethiopian border.

Brazil sells military planes to Iran

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's government-controlled aircraft manufacturer, Embraer, said Monday it had sold 15 "Tucano" turboprop military trainer planes to Iran for \$35 million. Embraer's press office said in a telephone interview that the Iranian air force had already taken delivery of five aircraft which were tested at a Brazilian air force compound in the central state of Minas Gerais hy a group of 12 Iranians, including pilots and technicians. The press office refused to elaborate further on the

Greek court clears Palestinian

PIRAEUS (AP) - A Palestinian sought by the United States for the 1982 combing of a Pan Am Jumbo jet was cleared Monday of illegal weapons charges in connection with a makeshift knife found in his prison cell. A misdemeanor court in this Athens port city acquitted Mohammad Rashid, 39, and sent him back to Korydallos prison, where he has been jailed since his arrest here last May. "I had it (the knife) because I fear for my life. I also fear they may extradite me to the United States," Rabid told reporters in the court room. Prison guards found a makeshift stiletto and a file in Rashid's cell during a random search of his prison block last Friday. "I don't think the objects found in his cell could really be used to heary appear." Proceeding Zacharies Kokkinakis told the used to harm anyone," prosecutor Zacharias Kokkinakis told the court. A bomb threat received during the hearing forced the evacuation of the court house, surrounded by dozens of police officers and security officers cradling submachine guns. The trial resumed after a one-bour break.

Egyptian minister slaps down opposition

CAIRO (R) — An Egyptian government minister Monday slapped two members of the opposition during a parliamentary row over accusations of torture and corruption. Trouble flared when President Hosni Mubarak's interior minister. Zaki Badr, denied charges that he overstepped his authority and that police held suspects too long and sometimes used torture. The minister. accusing an opposition journalist of faking photographs of alleged torture victims, produced a tape which he said showed a prominent fundamentalist was a black marketeer. Two members of the centre-right New Wafd Party tried to hit Badr, who slapped them. His police bodyguards stepped in. Parliamentary guards intervened and Speaker Rifaat Mahgouh adjourned the house for two weeks, sending one opposition member before a disciplinary committee. Badr is considered by the opposition - socialists, Islamic fundamentalists and free-enterprise liberals - to be a bardline law-enforcer.

Shevardnadze seeks to convince Israel

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sise that Middle East peace prospects are not a mirage. He spoke during a dinner Mon-

day night, hosted by Abdul Meguid. He also spoke of 'a rare historic opportunity" to forge a Middle East peace settlement. "Here, where the eye is deceived at nimes by the desert

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Hafez Al Assad of Syria and His

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Iran hits back at EC

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> commander of the United Nations monitors. The official refused to say

Major-General Slavko Jovic,

which country expressed reservations on the meeting venue, hut said U.N. observers are trying to work out a solu-

The military officials were supposed to handle issues arising from the implementation of the ceasefire agreement. Both governments agreed to participate in the group during a late January mission by U.N. special envoy Jan Eliasson. The Iranian news agency

tion.

said the rest of the 260 prisoners, all sick and disabled, will leave Iran in two days.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said three Iraqi PoWs had sought and were granted asylum in Iran.

Iran said the release of the prisoners was a unilateral action to mark the 10th anniversary of its revolution. Iraq last month freed 255 Iranian PoWs in a peace gesture.

Iran and Iraq each accused the other of bad faith when a plan to exchange nearly I,600 sick or disabled PoWs broke down in November after only 2II prisoners had been swapped.

According to ICRC estimates Iraq holds about 30,000 Iranian PoWs while Iran holds more than twice that number of Iragis captured...

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced earlier this month that the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq would resume face-to-face peace talks under his supervision in New York next month.

The peace talks, which started five days after an Aug. 20 ceasefire, have been deadlocked.

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CONDOLENCES: His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Tuesday delegated the deputy Karak governor to convey his condolences to Al Tarawneh family over the death of the late Abdul Karim Salman Al Tarawneh. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai also delegated director of Karak Police Department to convey his condolences to Al Tarawneh

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

CROWN PRINCE CONGRATULATES QATAR: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday sent a cable to Emir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, congratulating him on the anniversary of the assumption of his constitutional powers as Emir of Qarar. Prince Hassan wished Sheikh Khalifa continued good bealth, hapoiness and success and the Qatari people further progress and prosperity. (Petra)

ASSAD TO ATTEND LITERARY FESTIVAL: Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad has been selected to be a guest of honour at a literary festival to be organised in Egypt on the first centennial of Taha Hussein, the famous Egyptian writer. The minister is one of the late Egyptian writer's students and is considered a prominent literary figure in Jordan and the Arab World. Assad, who is also a poet, has written a treasure of books. (Petra)

CZECH DELEGATION: Cooperation between Yarmouk University and the Czechoslovak University of Kominos in geology. chemistry, computers, physical and art education was discussed at a meeting at the university here Tuesday. The Czechoslovak University President Ladislav Meliors and Yarmouk University President Mohammad Hamdan discussed these topics in the presence of university deans and professors and university officials. The Czechoslovak visitors later had a meeting at the University of Jordan with its President Abdul Salam Al Majali to discuss cooperaton between the two universities, (Petra)

AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES: Direcor General of the Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company (AMPCO) Ghazi Abu Hassao Tuesday discussed with Director General of the Syrian Seeds Improvement Corporation Na'asan Mohammad meaos of developing commercial exchange, with main focus on agricultural commodities.

TARAWNEH VISITS THE SOUTH: Supply Minister Fayez Tarawneh Tuesday visited the Ministry of Supply departments and warehouses in both Karak and Tafileh Governorates and voiced the ministry's readiness to provide farmers with bran and barley within the next few days. (Petra)

HASHISH PEDDLER JAILED: The military governor has endorsed the military court's verdict sentencing Mohammad Nizar Salim Kiblawi to six years in prison and a fine of JD 500 after finding him guilty of the acquisition of hashish. (Petra).

University to host meeting on environmental pollution

AMMAN (J.T.) - A three-day symposium on environmental pollution by chemical substances is due to open at the University of Jordan Sunday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, according to a university announcement.

The announcement quoted Dr. Mahmoud Allawi, the rapporteur of a committee preparing for the symposium, as saying that the meetings aim to spread awareness among specialists and members of the public alike on the dangers of pollution and ways to handle such danger and protect the environment.

In a statement, Allawi reviewed the working papers which the participants will discuss during the meetings and said that the first day of the three-day meening will deal with international pollu tion problems through a working paper presented by a West German professor and another by the

Royal Scientific Society.

focus attention on chemical substances which cause cancer and harmful chemical substances used in prescrying food.

On the second day the participants will hear lectures on pesticides and a report by the Ministry of Agriculture on the pesticides situation in the Kingdom, as well as a lecture on pollutants of air, water and food resulting from cigarette smoking.

The second day will tackle occupational hazards to which factory workers are exposed to as a result of handling heavy metals, and the pollution of the atmosphere as a result of factory fumes, Allawi noted.

He said that the participants will bear a lecture on means of purifying the air and maintaining

Taking part io the symposium. the first of its kind in Jordan, are delegates from West Germany, the University of Jordan, the Allawi said that papers to be reviewed in the first day will also Royal Scientific Society.

Saggaf leaves for Rabat

AMMAN (J.T.) - A Jordanian delegation left for Rabat Tuesday to take part in a technical committee meeting preparing for a ministerial meeting of the Arab League Social and Economic

Council Thursday. The delegation that left for Rabat is headed by Ministry of Industry and Trade's Secretary General Mobammad Saqqaf who said that the meeting will discuss a report oo the economic and social conditions in the occupied

Other topics on the agenda are the question of the Arab World's food security as well as a permanent pan-Arab trade fair.

Arab League sources said that the ministers will also look into reports about the effects of the recent flooding in Sudan.

Saggaf is accompanied by representatives of the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Industry an Trade.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned instirutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- \Leftrightarrow An art exhibition by Paul and Emanuel Guiragoussian at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation.
- * The Arab Contemporary Artists exhibition at Al Wasiti
- * An exhibition of models of the Jordanian plastic art, in which 22 Jordanian artists are participating, at the Spanish Cultural
- An exhibition entitled "The Tuehingen Attlas of the Middle East" at the Department of Geography, the University of ★ A photography exhibition entitled "Under Pure Skies" exhibit-
- ing 100 19th century photographs of the Middle East at the Yarmouk University ☆ An exhibition of paintings of Jordan by Luz Marina Robertson
- at the Petra Bank Gallery. An exhibition of Polisb contemporary art at the Royal Cultural
- ☆ An exhibition of Islamic art and calligraphy by Jordanian artist Mohammad Mubaidin at the Housing Bank Gallery. ☆ An exhibition on Alia, an Islamic medieval city, port of Palestine and the storehouse of Hijaz on the China Sea, at the
- ☆ An exhibition of Arabic books which includes 15,000 books on
- science, education and culture at the Karak Community ☆ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist 'Adnan Yahya at Alia Art
- ★ An exhibition of paintings by French artist Francoise Petrovitch
- at the French Cultural Centre. An archaeological mobile exhibition on Tel Abu Hamid
- agricultural settlement at the University of Jordan.

THEATRE

☆ Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet will be performed by the London Shakespeare Group at the University of Jordan - 4:00 p.m.



AWQAF MINISTERS BEGIN TALKS: Minister Abdullah Fadel begin talks in Amman Tuesday of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al (Petra photo) Khayyat and the visiting Iraqi Awqaf Minister

Joint Jordanian-Soviet committee to meet in April

AMMAN (J.T.) - The joint Jordaoian-Soviet economic committee is to hold its first meeting in Moscow in the first half of April and Ministry of Industry and Trade's Secretary General Mohammad Saqqaf bas been charged to lead the delegation for the meeting, according to an official announcement.

The announcement said that the committee will discuss trade deals on equal basis between the two sides and will probe areas of cooperation in tourism which would entail encouraging Soviet

tourist groups to visit Jordan.
The two sides will also explore the possibility of implementing joint projects in fertilisers and timber processing, and discuss the question of holding a Jordanian industrial fair in the Soviet Union which will sell products directly to the public, according to the announcement.

Also on the agenda, the announcement said, is the question of opening Jordanian trade centre in Moscow to promote the

sale of national products.

The joint committee was formed last year to help develop trade and bolster economic ties between the two sides.

Last month an announcement here said that the Soviet Union will import its first consignment of Jordanian phosphate during this year in implementation of an agreement signed by the two sides in Moscow in December

The announcement also said that the two sides agreed at a meeting that a Soviet technical committee should visit Amman to pave the way for the April meeting in Moscow.

Jordan at present imports Soviet iron ore, timber, paper, equipment and chemicals.

Saggaf said upon returning to Amman from a recent visit to Moscow that the Soviet Union wished to purchase 40 types of Jordanian products ranging from toothpaste to washing machines and pesticides.

Cultural season begins

AMMAN (Petra) — The Minis-try of Culture and National Heritage last year orga-nised theatre and plastic arts seaof a cultural season in the Kingdom including poetry teading, theatre and plastic art exhibition.

The announcement was made by Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri who said that the first poetry season ever organised by the ministry will start at the Royal Cultural Centre Sunday and will last for at least one month.

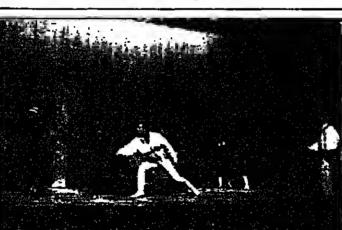
At least 32 Jordanian poets and 12 literary critics will be involved in the event which will be spread over nice sessions.

The Ministry of

nised theatre and plastic arts seaage Tuesday announced the start sons but it was not able to arrange for a literary season, according to the minister.

Hammouri said that the ministry is planning a sbort story season to follow the poetry reading, while at the same time it would go ahead with other literary and plastic arts programmes.

He noted that the ministry will bold a ceremony to distribute awards to those excelling in their literary and artistic contributions in order to give impetus to the literary movement in the



Shakespeare group at Yarmouk

The London Royal Shakespeare Group Mooday presented a performance of Romeo and Juliet at Yarmouk University's Faculty of Arts. Dr. Fuad Al Shaikh Salem, Yarmouk University's vice president, was among an audience of deans, teachers and students attending the performance. (J.T.)

Shacks to be removed from Aqaba's coastal areas

Region Authority (ARA) bas embarked on the removal of shacks and dilapidated buildings located along the northern cost of Aqaba because they distorted the city's general appearance and obstructed vacationers from benefitting from the coast area, Al Dustour daily quoted ARA President Bassam Qaqisb as saying Monday.

Qaqish said the ARA had set up teams to study the situation before embarking on this cleanli-ness campaign but "the owners of the properties under demolition have been compensated for their

Qaqish noted that JD 59.000 bas been paid to the owners, and the dwellers of the rented shacks were offered new homes with good services in the Shallaleh residential area or were offered pieces of land for nominal prices. Only 12 families were found to . have been living in the areas in question and sufficient time was given to them to move to the other areas, Qaqish added.

He said that the northern coastal strip will not be developed for tourism purposes. According to Qaqish the area, which is being cleared for public utility, forms nearly 50 per cent of the total

AQABA (J.T.) - The Aqaba length of coastland allotted for

tourism development schemes. At present other ARA teams are involved in conducting an assessment of compensation to be paid to inhahitants of the central coastal region which has been spotted with shacks, and proper compensation will be paid to the residents who will be asked to move prior to offering the area for tourism development

Qaqish last month opened a two-week training course in Aqaba on means of developing coastal regions and protecting the

The ARA president told the 20 participants that a 27-kilometre coastal stretch in Aqaba is being developed as a regional centre for land and sea transport and oce where industry and tourism are flourishing rapidly.

Also last month the Urban Development Department (UDD) awarded a local construction firm a JD 88,000 contract to carry out a development project in Aqaba's Shallaleh district.

UDD Director General Hishma Al Zagha said that nearly 4,300 inhabitants of the Shallaleh old district will benefit from the project which will take 20 months to complete.

Haj Hassan tours Syrian locomotive service station

DAMASCUS (Petra, J.T.) -Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan Tuesday visited a service station which provides maintenance to locomotives operating along the Syrian railways in the region of Aleppo, northern Syria.

Accompanied by his Syrian counterpart, Yousef Ahmad, the minister was briefed on the maintenance operations carried out at the station and also inspected a unit which is charged with manufacturing spare parts for trains and locomotives.

The two ministers were accompanied on the visit by members of he Jordanian and Syrian delegations involved in the general assembly meetings of the joint Jordanian-Syrian land transport and maritime companies.

On Monday, Haj Hassan and Ahmad signed the minutes of meetings by the general assemb-lies of the joint Syrian-Jordanian land transport and maritime com-

Haj Hassan said in a brief statement at the signing ceremony that the resolutions taken at the meeting are bound to give impetus to the two companies' operations. He added that the ministries of

Transport in Jordan and Syria had accomplished their share of resolutions taken by the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee meetings.
Ahmad, for his part, said that

the two sides were working hard 10 promote cooperation in all



Royal Jordanian Deputy Chief Executive Aqel Biltaji Tuesday addresses the opening session of the Hotel of the Ma'in Spa Village (Petra photo)

AACO committee begins talks on unifying Arab airport services

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - The Airports Services Committee of the Arab Air Carriers Organisahon (AACO) opened a two-day meeting at the Ashtar Hotel of the Ma'in Spa Village, south of Amman, to discuss unifying services systems at Arab airports.

The participants, who repre-sent 20 Arab airlines will also discuss the question of including agents of airport services in the Arab World in the AACO's committee, in view of their contributions to these services, which include processing of passengers. air freight, air mail and other

Addressing the opening session

was Royal Jordanian deputy chief executive officer Agel Biltaji who welcomed the 40 delegates and said that the topics on the agenda are of significant importance for air transport services at all Arab airports

Biltaji underlined the importance of unifying systems for ground services to ensure more comfort for passengers and efficient services.

According to Biliaji, the delegates, including representatives from Gulf Airports Services Association (GASA) who are attending for the first time, will make a review of previous meetings held last year and a special

report on a unified index of technical terms to be used by ali airport services in the Arab

orld, Biltajı said. He said that the index had been compiled by a committee representing Royal Jordanian, the Saudi Arabian Arthres, the Kuwait Airways and the Grift

The participants, who are inf executives in charge of traffic operations and services, will have a report on aitport services applied in Canadian airports to be presented by officials representing emigration and passport de-

Jordan to attend conference on protection against natural disasters

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will be among 23 countries to take part in an international conference scheduled for March 11 in The Hague to discuss means of protecting the Earth from disas-ters resulting from destabilisation

of the environment. The conference, which will be beld at the headquarters of the International Court of Justice, has been organised by the French government to mark the French Revolution's second centennial. According to a statement from the French embassy here the con-

ference has been called in a bid to draw attenuon to the grave dangers posed to the planet Earth as a result of damage to the ozone layer, which, it said, could lead to the destruction of all life on the surface of the earth.

The statement said that despite repeated warnings by scientists and governments issued in this respect, no serious and practical action has yet been taken to deal with such global problem. Only through international cooperation, backed by political decisions

of various world nations, can this problem he solved, the statement

noted.

The environmental hazards, j; added, are bound to affect all countries without exception, and it is incumbent on all people to take serious responsibility to reduce such danger.

According to the statement, delegates to the coming conference are expected to adopt a joint decision that would pave the way for global cooperation in protectand serious endeavours on the part, ing the Earth's atmosphere.



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Erasing Israelis' fears

AS Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Foreign Minister Moshe Arens continue to reject the PLO as an interlocutor in the Middle East peace process and persist on calling the arganisation a mortal enemy of Israel and the ultimate threat to its security and survival, the PLO through its Chairman Yasser Arafat perseveres in its sanguine prognosis of events by calling for a common market linking Israel with its Arab neighbours.

Faisal Husseini, a PLO sympathiser in occupied Jerusalem has also made an attempt to allay the inner fears of Israelis about the imaginary threat that a Palestinian state would pose to the security of Israel by calling for a demilitarised state devnid of an army. Mr. Husseini has suggested such a formula on the grounds that any such Palestinian state would earn its security through international guarantees, thus rendering the need for an army moot. Mr. Husseini also assured the Israelis that a Palestinian state would not make claims to territory beyond the 1967 borders. The PLO flirtation with peaceful and overtures aim to assuage the average Israeli vnter and win him over on the side of a genuine settlement of the Palestinian case and if need be to accomplish this Herculean task over the heads of the existing Israeli leadership.

Meanwhile Europe and the two superpowers are marking time in anticipation of deep transformation in Israeli attitudes and perspectives in favour of peace. The U.S. has said as much recently when its Secretary of State James Baker called for time out to allow the process of silent bridge construction between Israelis and Palestinians sufficient grace period to complete its course. The Soviet Union is also applying some form of friendly persuasion on Israel hy attempting to convince it that it does not really have anything to fear from an International peace conference. At the same time Europe keeps pushing for the idea of an international conference on peace in the Middle East by applying a double pressure on both the U.S. as well as Israel to give the conference idea a chance. The keys that can unlock the door standing solid in the face of the peace process are nevertheless in the hands of the Israeli people. Hopefully there is still time to translate the slow but sure change of heart within Israel on the framework for peace between them and their neighbours into institutionalised political will that can untie the chain that is still enslaving the whole peace process to old and persistent fears, anxieties and complexes on both sides of the fence. On their part, the Arabs have done and are doing all that they can to erase such fears and complexes. It is now the Israelis' turn to do something about their share of the bargain.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

THE Soviet Union's position with regard to the Middle East peace efforts was discussed by the Al Ra'i Arabic daily Tuesday.. The paper said that in his press conference before departure from Amman, the Soviet foreign minister said that a preparatory meeting should be held by the U.N. Security Council to open the road for the Middle East peace conference. This proposal, the paper noted, reflects the importance the Soviet Union is attaching to the coming parley for the sake of achieving a just and durable peace. Indeed, said the paper, ample preparations are required oo the part of the international community if the coming conference is to achieve its end. All observers of the Middle East developments agree that a speedy solution must be found for the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly io view of the current atrocities committed by Israel against the Palestinians and io the light of reports submitted by the numerous United Nations teams which had visited the Middle East region. A preparatory meeting, the paper added, should be considered as a means to mobilise all U.N. efforts and eolist support of the greater number of nations for the coming important conference.

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A columnist in Al Ra'i daily urged the U.S. administration to try to understand the oeeds of the world today and to respond favourably to Moscow's sincere bids to achieve peace world-wide. Abdul Rahim Omar says that the Bush administration ought to properly assess the oew policies adopted by Moscow which is truly oriented to the establishment of security around the globe and removing the spectre of nuclear bolocaust. The Middle East is one of the areas which the Soviets are now ready to delve in to bring about security, stability and peace and this should now acquire due attention from the U.S. as it did from the European Community, says the writer. It is true, the writer adds, that the U.S. has opened a dialogue with the PLO and bas denounced Israel's atrocities in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, hut what is needed now is to translate these ideas ioto realities and put them in practice by taking serious and practical steps to end the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Arabs ought to take some kind of action to help this to come about.

Al Dustour daily wrote Tuesday on the current diplomatic contacts on the Middle East question which the paper described as a new bone for the peoples of this region. The paper referred to the Soviet foreign minister's current tour in the region and said that it is no doubt contributing constructively towards a solution as it is henefitting from the current favourable atmosphere in world politics and a West-East detente. The paper said the Soviet moves backed by those of the European Community are bound to bring about a change in Israel's intransigent stand vis-a-vis the Middle East problem and the question of an international conference to pave the way for a just peace.

Sawt Al Shaab daily also commented on the same topic and said that Shevardnadze is clearly paving the way for an international conference through his contacts with all the concerned parties to the conflict. The Soviets and the Europeans are active in their efforts nowadays to find a solution for the Palestine problem benefitting from the favourable diplomatic conditions in the Arab World and the on-going uprising in the occupied Arab land.

Weekly Political Pulse

Time to restructure Arab League

WITH the onset of three major formations within the Arab World, one in the Gulf area, the second in the Mashreq and the third in the Maghreb, it bas become necessary to revamp the Arab League on new foundations. One cannot close one's eyes before the new realities in the Arab World and pretend that the Arab house is forever destined to orbit around the same old Arab structure encompassing the real with the imaginary in the Arab World. And if the main Arab League hody needs to be restructured along new realities, all the league's specialised agencies must likewise be restructured along new facts.

As each and every one of the new Arab sub-regional formations would bave their own secretariats and their respective secretarygeneral, it would be functional to reorganise the Arab League on the edifice of these oew Arab secretariats by forming a new overall Arab organisation incorporating the secretary generals of the three Arab formations under one umbrella with a view to affecting coordination between the three major Arab groupings. The secretary general of this umbreha organisation would be chosen on a rotation basis from the list of secretary generals of the Arab formations to serve an example for three years.

What stops this restructuring of the Arab League at this early stage is of course the fact that some Arab countries bave yet to join one or the other of the Arab unity groupings. Ooe nevertheless has to be sanguine that in due course the remaining Arab countries would opt for unity with their own respective sub-regional formations. It is only a matter of time, short time bopefully, before the gravitational pulls from the three Arab "little leagues" would succeed in fusing the rest of the Arab countries into their own respective mainstreams.

Meanwhile, the existing Arab League structure could be slowly phased out in its present form in preparation for the new restructured Arab Union Council that could function along lines similar to those of the European Economic Community or the Council of Europe. The present Arab League structure has been in operation for over four decades without undergoing any major overhaul. This time, therefore, is as good as any to restructure the Arab League on the basis of hard won facts and realities. The new premises for a newly restructured Arab Union are striking clear. As each and every emerging Arah consultation is established on multi-dimensional recipe in which economic issues are interwoven with political and security concerns, the eod result would strengtheo the political and economic muscles of each one of them making the total structure of the Arab World much more cohesive and strong. This path could very well be the ooe that is needed to translate the Arah World from a paper tiger into an international force that oeeds to be reckoned with regionally and interna-

That is why Israeli military strategists have sounded the alarm at the birth of the Arab Cooperation Council interpreting it as also a defeoce pact between the four Arab countries. What concerns Israeli leaders most is the might of Iraq above all. Tel Aviv has been buzzing with military assessment of Iraq's prowess in the wake of the ceasefire in the Gulf. By all accounts, the joint military power of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen is something that is very much on the mind of Israelis now. Perhaps Israel would feel now more than ever the need to bold the international peace conference and end swiftly and effectively the Arab-Israeli conflict. Surely the alternative to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict could very well be a military confrontatioo in which the casualties on both sides would be devastating and unbearable.

But Arab uniting efforts are not directed against the foes of the Arab World. Foremost the new unity phenomena in the Arab World are addressed to positive objectives and peaceful aspirations. As all regions of the world bave come to the conclusion that regional and sub-regional formations of countries have become the order of the day on the international scene, the Arab countries bave no choice but to face up to the new challenges and dangers by uniting their potentials and capabilities in sub-regional pools of common resources and political and economic will.

As the existing Arab League formula could not realistically fulfil the above mentioned missions, it has become necessary to improvise new formulas to serve as interim measures culminating at the eod in one overall commoo political and economic market. Seen against this backdrop the revamping of the Arab League now would be the same thing to do in order to lay the strong foundation for the edifice of a oew and more effective Arab

Strains develop between Benazir and Ishaq Khan

By Asim Ghani

KARACHI - Differences between President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Prime Minister Benazir Bhotto were oot unexpected since her Pakistan People's Party returned to power in December. He is a figure closely associated with the late Gen. Zia UI Haq. she is committed to the restoration of the original version of the constitution - a change that will clip the wings of the head of state.

Now it is turning ioto certainty amid clear signs of a struggle in Islamabad over the controversial Eighth Ameodmeot Zia added to the document. With roles and genders reversed, it is like the situation in the Philippines where President Corazon Aquino's Vice President Salvador Laurel is also a leader of the oppositioo.

One likely pointer is Ishaq's surprising visit Feb. 6 to the town of Shikarpur in Sind. He flew there to offer condolences to the family of an 86-year-old retired politician with IJI (Islamic Democratic Alliaoce) connections who had been a supporter of

Maula Baksh Soomro, who be-longed to a family of landlord-politicians, wasn't a figure of particular distinction. But until be gave up politics some years ago he bad served in Zia's cabinet. He had already beeo a minister in the Pakistan's nine-party opposition

say about him. of state and travel to Soomro's bometown to coodole with his a subfaction with the NPP - bad president wanted to emphasise

opposition?

- oot all of them opeo - with

top figures in the UI. On Feh. 2, a day before Soomro uoannounced session in Islamafas gunning for Benazir Bhutto — Ishaq in Khar's company.

Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi of Sind At the same time, Baloch

Isbaq has also received Punjab Chief Minister Mian Nawaz Sbar-- the most formidable foe of the prime minister - and other prominent members of the alliance. These include the leader of the oppositioo in the National Assembly, Ghulam Haidar

Sharif, an unambiguous supporter of Zia's policies, has become a rallying figure for the conservative opposition. As a leader of former Prime Minister Mohammad Kban Junejo's majority faction of the Pakistan Muslim League, be replaced Jatoi as president of the LII under the alliance's system of rotating lead-

The Eighth Amendment is believed to bave been the central topic at the meetiogs. In her campaign against the

ameodment, Bbutto is fighting with a serious handicap: Although the PPP is the largest single group in parliament, it doesn't have majorities in the Senate and the National Assemhly. The legislation cannot be revoked unless the prime minister can muster two-thirds-majority support in the two bouses, and this she is committed to do from the day she assumed powers. Jatoi is bead of the National People's Party (NPP), an UI component which is a break-

away faction of the PPP. He is the immediate family are in the IJI, member belooging to Sind. In November's geoeral elections combine, that's about all one can Jatoi had lost from his bometown of Nawabshah, but secured a seat Neither protocol nor any in Punjab io last mooth's bymemorable precedent required elections - thanks to Khar, the president to set aside affairs another prominent PPP turncoat. Khar — who is the leader of

family, three days after his death. been elected from two National Is that through the journey the Assembly constituencies in his bome province. Required by his continuing affiliations with the electoral law to retain only one. be relinquished his seat of Kot That is a debatable point, but Addu in Jatoi's favour. Jatoi won there can be little doubt about the an easy victory against his PPP import of Ishaq's recent meetings opponent, for whom the prime minister herself weot to the bustings in the constituency.

Ismail Baloch, a close aide of died, Isbaq had a previously- Jatoi and spokesmao for the NPP's main faction maintains bad with the two Gbulam Musta- that Jatoi had merely called oo

and Gbulam Mustafa Khar of wouldn't state (wheo I put it to Puojab - whose concerted him) that the event had oo poliopposition to the PPP must be a tical significance; nor did he discause of anxiety for the party. close the subject of discussioo.

He confined himself to the comment that the meeting had beeo "in the national interest." Asked directly if the Eigbth Amendment had been on the agenda, Baloch responded, "Please put the question to the chairman (Jatoi).

And according to him Jatoi and Khar no longer bad any differences. He said there bad been some misunderstanding between them which was later cleared. However, be avoided naming Khar's designation in the supposedly reunified NPP.

The two politicians - both

the late Zulfikar Al Bbutto oppose removal of the amendment, which is part of the wide cbaoges Zia brought about in the constitutioo during his 11-year Ishaq, 73, one of the country's

most powerful politicians, was a confidant and advisor to Zia throughout that period. When Zia died in a plane crash

last Aug. 17, Ishaq was chairman of the Seoate, in which capacity he became the constitutional suc-

among founders of the PPP with Frontier Province

Isbaq's successor in the Senate, Zia's last law minister Waseem Sajjad, is also in the IJI. This is another factor complicating the PPP's task with regard to the Eighth Amendmeot.
The constitution was prom-

ulgated in 1973 during Bbutto's government, which Zia overthrew in a military coup in 1977. The deposed prime minister was executed in 1979.

The Eighth Ameodmeot indemnifies Zia and the military for cessor to the dead presideot. He the coup, following which the is a Pathan from the Northwest army chief of staff bad put the

constitutioo "io abeyance" for a period.

The other important feature of the amendment is that it vastly increased the powers of the bead of state. He even gets the right to dismiss the prime minister, just as Zia sacked Junejo last May.

In its original form, the documeot envisaged a Westminsterstyle system of democracy with the president baving a ceremonial role and acting upon the advice of the prime minister.

Isbaq is making it clear he is not about to become anybody's figurehead - Arab News.

Soviet anti-Zionist sentiment perseveres

By Robert Evans Reuter

MOSCOW - "You Jews, you have brought our country to where it is. But we will make you pay for it, and very soon."

The threat came in a semiliterate note sent up to the platform at a Moscow political meet-

ing late last week.
"Just another two or three years and all decent Russians, Ukraioians and Byelorussians will reach for their pick-axes at the very sound of the world 'Jew'," the note said.

The same evening, the director of Moscow's only Jewish restaurant was called to pbone.

"Dirty Jew," said the male voice at the other eod of the line according to the cooperative enterprise's director Josef Perezovsky. "We're warning you, keep

away on Sunday." Perezovsky, whose flourishing business opened last summer, was due to provide refreshments at the February 12 opening of the Soviet Union's first Jewish cultural ceotre since 1948.

"The morning after the call," said Perezovsky, "we found someone had wrecked our two minibuses and our pickup truck and set them oo fire." In an emotional ceremony at

the cultural centre, Jewish leaders from around the world hailed its creation as a product of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform policies. Even Soviet Jews long refused

permissioo to emigrate were enthusiastic.

Yury Kosharovsky, regarded

dards." For comparison, the

European standard stands at

one part per billion (PPB), the

Germans have 25PPB, the

Americans bave 100PPB, and

Jordaniaos bave 400PPB.

These figures cause worry

amoog experts because THM

accumulates in the body and

Bromine levels

become carcinogenic.

as the doven of refusentks, said the centre was "the most impor-tant breakthrough on Tewish cultural rights in the Soviet Union over the last 50 years.".

It was "an important demon-

stration that perestroika (Gorbachev's reform programme) can work, even for the Jews," he added. Some two million Jews remain in the Soviet Union. Since thearre director Solomon

Mikhoels was killed in a car crash in 1948 and Josef Stalin launched a bloody purge of other Jewish cultural figures, no such centre has existed.

From the mid-1960s until Gorbachev came to power in 1985, Soviet Jews were treated with suspicion and eveo bostibty by the authorities as a potential fifth

column for the West. Last week, ao article by two Russian historians in the oewspaper Sovietskava Kultura coofirmed that in the 1970s limits were secretly imposed on access for Jews to universities and the

professions.

By the late 1970s, emigratioo bad dropped to a trickle as East-West detente waned. Now, with Gorbachev's opening to the outside world and review of Soviet human rights policies, it is picking up again fast.

The Sovietskaya Kultura article condemned the official "anti-Zionist" campaign of the 1970s promoted by theo Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and his ideological aides.

The two historians set quotations from the writings of one of the leading official exponents of the campaign, Vladimir Begun,

along side remarks by Adolf Hitler to demonstrate that Brezhneva: " "anti-Zionism" and anti-Senitism were identical. That article was very posi-

tive," said a Jewish woman from

a Moscow publishing house. "But there are some very bad things happening too. And sometimes I am frightened. The anti-Semitic note to the Moscow political meeting, according to historian Roy Medvedev/ who read it out to a

stanned audience of some 3,000, almost certainly came from a supporter of the Pamyat society. "Pamyat", or memory, was set

society aiming to preserve the Russian cultural heritage. But its spokesmeo voice stri-

deot anti-Semitic views and its activists, many of them tougblooking youths, have broken up meetings addressed by aoti-Stalinist figures. Many liberal Russiao iotellec-

tuals are bitterly opposed to the group, which has hranches across the country, and campaign strongly against it. But over the past year more

conservative Russian writers, artists and publicists have begun to express an outlook similar to that of Pamyat - although couched in less direct terms. Centred in the writers' union of

the Russian federation and around a new brotherhood of Russian artists, they argue for maintaining the purity of the Russian way of life and cul-

Their publicists, writing mainly in the monthly literary journals

"Nash Sovremennik" (our contemporary) and "Molodaya Gvardiya" (young guard), suggest that many of the evils of

Soviet history were the work of And at the end of last year, Begun himself re-emerged in "Nash Sovremennik" with an article arguing that Jewish clubs

formed in many cities were centres of subversion.

One of the founders of the brotherbood, artist Mikhail Savitsky, won official praise during the 1970s for a series of paintings showing blonde Slavs

being tortured by Nazis as Jewish collaborators looked on grinning. Another, writer Stanislay Kunayev, suggested in "Nash Sovremennik" that the NKVD security police investigators responsible for the deaths of millions of people during the purges

of the 1930s were largely Jews. "Here," says Jewish writer Anatoly Ryhakov whose wildly popular anti-Stalinist novel 'Children of the Arbat" bas made him a prime target for the conservatives, "patriarchal Russian nationalists and the Stalinists

have formed a holy alliance." Over the past week the brotherhood has beld two railies in a Moscow sports stadium. These are the people I really

fear." said one non-Jewish jotellectual. "They are clever. They have good connections. And in their hearts they don't like perestroika and opening the country to the West.

"If they can reach a common platform with the political opposition to reforms, they could be dangerous indeed."

Amman's drinking water — filtering the jargon

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The WAJ also says that they are oo heavy metals such as cadium, lead or mercury in the water, due to the lack of heavy industry in the Kingdom.

Hasbweh, who says that the water is microbiologically safe with an acceptable level mineral concentration, believes that even if some sources of water have a higher level of concentration of some minerals, "it is bleoded with other sources and at the ending rendering no harm.

Gedeon also said that the water in the EGC was "diluted." However, Bino asserts that the water should still be tested for these elements and not by the WAJ, but hy a ocutral body. Both be and Ramadan believe that the source of the problem should be tackled, "Dilution is not the solution," they said, nor do they see chlorination as the answer to clean water,

This was supported by most of the interviewees, who claim that chlorination may be the cause of many of the problems.

Surface water, worldwide, has a problem with THM and chlorination. "When the EGC surface water is treated with

chlorine, we are bound to get carcioogenic material like THM," said Bino.

He said that when THM were tested on animals, "it was found to be very dangerous." Although THM have not been tested on humans, "it is a matter of precaution to ensure that the water is free from this material." be added.

When the WAJ agreed to reopen the Deir Alla/Amman pipelines, the RSS was given two samples of the water to test. "Our results showed the water acceptable with a low concentration of THM, but the University of Jordan showed a high concentration of THM. I asked for the water to be retested since the RSS and the university use different equipmeet, bot the WAJ did not ask

However, overall experts agree that the EGC has a high THM potential, From the analysis of water samples carried out at varying steps of the treatment, it was found that the amount of chlorine added to the water affects the ratio of the different species of THM. Salemen said that research

conducted indicated the THM

level in the EGC was "far

above international stan-

In addition the EGC bas a higher level of bromine in the water due to its geological location. While the standard is usually less than .1 PPB, tthe EGC bas between 3-.5 PPB. The bromine reacts with the chlorine, leaving toxic material, Bino said, adding that it is oot a big problem since thebromine concentration is low,

but, there must be continuous

checks to ensure that it remains

The need to minimise the use of chlorine was not only stressed by local experts, but by a two-member Swedish environmental protection delegation during their two-week visit to

low."

Both Dr. Ulf von Bromssen, a specialist in soil and ground water pollution, and Ulrika Rasmuson, a specialist in mdustrial pollutioo, reached the cooclusioo that water with biological material should not be chlorinated. The responsible authorities should minimise the presence of biological material "so that you won't bave to chlorinate the water." They believe that chlorina-

tion should be looked upon as a short term solution, "not a long term plan." Gedeon said that the WAJ

was "trying to minimise the quantity of chlorine because we want to cootrol the balogenic material." Therefore, the WAJ is using an oxidising agent (potassium permangaoate) which has a high disinfecting quality which kills all the bacteria before the water enters the treatment process.

However, Hashweb says that water in Jordan "can not do without chlorination." Hashweh gave the example of groundwater contamination by sewage, saying. "the most proper method for treatment is

Hashweb, Gedeon and Bino agree that some water contamination may be attributed to the water tanks on the roofs of homes, "left open to dust" and birds," or leakage from the septic pipe, which is usually

two metres away from the water pipe, causing cootamination of the soil and ultimately seeping through the microholes of the waterpipe.

But, to ensure quality water free of "possible carcinogenic material," Bino and Salemeh offered some alternatives.

Bino sees the solution in modifying the Zai treatment plant. He helieves that the chlorinatioo of surface water is the problem and suggests different techniques; Chlorine dioxide, ozooe disinfectant and activated carbon treatment.

These methods will not produce THM. Bino says. Israel uses the same water sources as Jordan and faced similar problems, Bino said. They bave been using chlorine dioxide, "and I do not think they have the problem of THM anymore," he added.

In 1986, the RSS requested funds from the Ministry of Planning, the WAJ in order to investigate the feasibility of these techniques. "But we did not get the funds," said Bino.

Salemen believes that the pumping of water to Amman from the EGC is "too expensive." He said that while it costs over 40 piasters per cubic metre from the EGC, it would

only cost eight piasters from wells around Amman. He added that the Zai plant was oot designed to remove THM or to produce water with low coocentration of THM, especially during summer when the

water becomes more polluted. However, since the wells around Amman would not be able to supply the area, he suggests using the groundwater in the south of Jordan. 'Groundwater from Wala, Hedan and Moujeb won't need cblorination because it is groundwater and it is renewable," said Salemeh, adding that pumping water from the sonth of Jordan was initially

approved in 1979. The Al Wahdah Dam is expected to solve some of Jordan's water problems when it starts operating five to seven years from now. Experts predict more problems if this timetable is not met. According to Bino, the anthorities have covered water resources

m Jordan until the year 2005. But, meanwhile experts agree that the water at the EGC must be continuously evaluated, while efforts at studying water supply projects start through the participation of all concerned sectors.

Touching the untouchables

OFFICIALLY, there is no such thing as an "untouchable" in the Nepalese lowlands known as the "Terai," a region located along the Indian border. Discrimination against untouchables was legally banned in the 1950s. But remnants of the ancient Hindu caste system continue to fester in Parsahi, a small farming and fishing village of 135 families. Most are still treated as outcasts.

The stigma, which has been passed down from generation to generation, obliges untouchables to reside outside the village perimeter. They live in the most humble of huts sleeping four or five people to a bed. So isolated, they interact with higher castes only in the marketplace. All are illiterate, and suffer from malnutrition and disease.

But an unusually sensitive and determined outsider is testing the limits of this tradition. "The barriers are being broken," explains a slight, dark Sri Lankan woman named Shantini Samarasinghe. "For the first time in the history of Parsahi, untouchable kids are being educated with the other children.

Samarasinghe began working in Parsahi and two nearby communifies over two years ago when she joined the United Nations Volunteers (UNV), a fund affiliated with the United Nanons Development Programme (UNDP) that provides volunteer expertise to developing countries. The three villages were selected for special assistance after the UNDP offices in Nepal determined that they were among the

poorest in the Terai. "Parsahi and the surrounding area were hit badly by floods three years ago," says the former head of UNDP's Nepal office, Toshiyuki Niwa. "We decided that part of our recovery assistance should be in the form of a U.N. Volunteer."

The job Samarasinghe has taken on with UNV's "Domestic Development Service" (DDS), is constant challenge. Utilising limited local and outside resources, she has been promoting community self-help among some mats and selling them in the of the poorest, most neglected people on earth.

Drawing on nine years of rural development experience working in Sri Lanka, Samarasinghe chose the village children as her entry point for introducing economic and social change. First, she arranged a small grant from the Nepal Children's Organisation, a private aid group based in Kathmandu. She then mobilised the villagers in constructing a thatched, one-room centre where over sixty children spend the day with two young village women whom Samarasinghe has helped to train.

By tapping into various local government institutions, such as rhe district health post, the women at the centre have been able to obtain immunisations and small amounts of food and medicines for their children. Arithmetic is taught using houle caps. A song about basic personal hygiene is sung to music created with empty shoe-shine rins and bamboo tubes. The children even have their own small garden which produces vegetables for sale in the village.

But early on in the creation of the centre, Samarasinghe did something very controversial. She invited several untouchable children to attend.

"The first time an untouchable child came," explains Mabub Khan, who coordinates the DDS programme in Nepal, "all the village children ran away and their parents protested." But the persistent Sri Lankan stuck to her principles and soon the people of Parsahi realised that if they wanted the benefits of the centre for their offspring, they would have to accept mixing with the untouchables.

"When Shantini first came here," says Khan, "the untouchable families were nearly starving to death. She saw that they needed more than education and health services for the young."

Parsahi's untoucbahles own no land. Their main occupation is market. "But this wasn't sufficient to maintain a livelihood," Samarasinghe explains, "Many times they went to sleep without eating an evening meal."

Determined to raise their incomes, Samarasinghe contacted the Trickle-Up Programme (TUP), a private New Yorkbased group that gives small income-generating grants to the poor in developing countries. TUP grants for several untouchable families were used to buy tools and colourful dyes that improved the quality, appearance and marketability of their bamboo handicrafts. "Now they are producing more, saving more and keeping cleaner homes," says Samarasinghe.

The ambitions of this seemingly tireless U.N. Volunteer have gone well beyond helping the poorest in Parsahi and two other assigned villages. Over two years, Samarasinghe has managed to organise a youth group for sports activities whose members also package spices and sell them in the market for income. A mothers group of sick, pregnant, and lactating women regularly meets to hear Samarasinghe discuss basic health and sanitation issues. Men assemble in a farmers' group to hear about improved agricultural practices. For many of these activities she has enlisted the financial support of

The rewards for Samarasinghe's dawn-to-dark efforts are slim, at least in monetary terms. As one of over 100 U.N. Volunteers working in Nepal and nine other Asian countries under the DDS Programme, she receiv a basic living allowance of only sad a month.

wealthier members of the village.

Clearly, Samarasinghe thrives on making a difference in the lives of the poor. Some would say that her greatest contribution is having altered centuries-old traditions that once divided this community, finally bringing its outcasts their first glimpse of a weaving bamboo into baskets and better future.



"For the first time in the history of Parsahi, untonchable kids are being educated with the other children."

By David Storey

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informal meetings over the past

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Triumphant Lawrence of Arabia rides again

By Christopher Michaud Reuter

NEW YORK - It took 26 years,

hut they finally go it right.
"Lawrence of Arabia," Sir David Lean's epic masterpiece, has endured countless indignities dating back to its 1962 cinema release, including drastic editing and some television presentations that lopped off more than half its running time.

But now the tale of British officer T.E. Lawrence, played hy Peter O'Toole in the role that made him a star, and the revolt of his ragged band of Arab tribesmen against their Turkish oppressors, has been restored to a pristine version that at last meets with Lean's full approval.

The restoration and re-release of the film meant far more than a mere re-editing. Since its initial release in December 1962, 'Lawrence of Arabia" had been shortened three times, to make the 222-minnte original more commercially attractive.

The camera negative of the film, a victim of overuse and poor storage, had begun to disinte-

Robert Harris, who supervised the restoration of Abel Gance's silent classic "Napoleon" in 1981, sifted through four tonnes of "Lawrence" footage — every print of the film known to exist in the world.

Harris said in a recent interview that the restoration began because he wanted to see the full original version.

"I first saw it when I was 17, and it was the film that made up my mind that I wanted to go into filmmaking. Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese said the same thing," he said. But there was no surviving

print of the original "Lawrence" and much of the sound was missing. Columbia pictures, who had first released it, had discarded the film's music tracks and had no record of its sequence, Harris and partner Jim Painten

assembled their version from cuts and trims, the original camera negative, and surviving 35 mm work prints.

7 Oscars To replace missing sound elements, they gathered O'Toole and other cast members Omar Sharif, Sir Alec Guinness and

The film's original editor, Anne Coates, who won an Oscar for her work, advised the team on the sequence of the scenes.

More than two years and \$600,000 later, Harris and Painten presented Lean with a 70 mm, six track dolly version of the film. The original won seven Oscars, including best picture and best director. Lean then did a final cut, trim-

ming a few minutes and tighten-

ing ir up. The new — by all accounts, the ultimate — "Lawrence of Arahia" now runs 216 minutes. The restored version of the film

expected to be seen in Europe later this year. Harris said "Lawrence of Ara-

bia" cost \$12 million to make in 1962, a huge sum for the time. "If it were made today," he added, it would run to about \$75 or 80 million. The new film keeps intact

O'Toole's classic performance. "O"Toole in all his guises is so flamboyantly brilliant that it's hard to believe that (the film) could ever have been built around any other actor," wrote crine David Denby. Filming "Lawrence of Arabia"

was nearly as gruelling as the hardships depicted in the film. as Lawrence leads his men with few provisions on camelback through hlistering deserts. Lean's sweeping desert sequ-

ences, filmed on location in Jordan and Morocco, the battle scenes with the proverbial cast of thousands and performances by in the West) and Quinn melded in what many consider Lean's greatest cinematic achievement.

But subsequent cuts rendered much of the film nearly incomprehensible. One entire reel was transposed, so that Lawrence and his men seemed to be pushing the Turks further into, not out of Arabia. On television, Oscarwinner Frank Young's expansive cinematography was reduced to about half it size, resulting ir. perplexing shots of empty desert.

At the gala premier of the restored "Lawrence" at New York's Ziegfeld cinema this month, Lean said of TV: "The box is okay — it shows the middle third of the film" but "this (the Ziegfeld's panoramic screen) in what the movies should be shown The sell-out benefit for the

American film institute was also attended by directors Scorsese and Spielberg, who helped speed the restoration through studio rec The film is now preceded by an

overture, and audiences enthusiastically applaud the opening credits.

Coming on the heels of a recent overhaul of "Gone with the Wind," the "Lawrence of Arabia" restoration is likely to clear the way for more cinematic sal vage operations, After "Napoleon" restoration:

included "A star is born" with Judy Garland, Frank Capta's "Lost Horizon" and silent film: such as "The Thief of Baghdad" with Douglas Fairbanks.



Anthony Quinn into studios Lawrence of Arabia

Executioner haunted by death of French king

By Michela Wrong

PARIS - When executioner Charles Henri Sanson held up the severed head of France's king and showed it to the cheering Paris mob, he was hailed as a hero of the revolution and liberator of the people. But for Sanson, a royalist and

devout Catholic, Louis XVL's death on the guillotine was a horrific tragedy which left him forever haunted hy a sense of "It was an event that marked

his life," says Patrick Brunet, a descendant of the famous execu-"As executioners the Sansons

were part of the church and state establishment. Then the king was killed and there was a long period of anti-religion. It was the end of their world.'

Brunet, who inherited the Sanson papers through his greatgrandmother, is trying to find backers for a film about the 1789 revolution as France gears up for bicentennial celebrations this

Six generations

Using his unpublished private documents and the national archives, he is also researching a book on the Sansons, a family of

six generations of executioners. Charles Henri Sanson's life had a thread of bitter irony running through it.

When the 1789 revolution first got under way the guillotine did not exist. Commoners sentenced to death were hanged, while nohlemen were beheaded with a sword — a tricky task for even the most experienced and muscu-

lar executioner. So 50-year-old Sanson welcomed with relief a project put forward by humanitarian politician Dr. Joseph Guillotin to huild suffering as possible. All he bad

to do was pull the cord. He even corresponded with surgeon entrusted with having the device huilt, drawing up plans and recommendations for the device. Brunet said in a recent interview.

A system abused?

The legend goes that after witnessing the first test on the guillotine, Sanson remarked with un-witting prophetic irony: "just as long as the system isn't ahused."

As history shows, the guillotine was abused to the full in the hloody years that followed, dispatching notables such as Queen Marie Antoinette, revolutionaries Georges Jacques Danton, Maximilien de Robespierre, and tens of thousands of commoners.

Well before the terror reached its height, when the Republican government launched into a hysterical purge of suspected traitors and moderates, Sanson had seen the way the fide was turning and tried to resign.

But his letter of resignation was never answered, forcing him to continue in the fear that to refuse would mean his own head ending up under the blade, says Brunet.

Years later Charles Henri's son Henri, one of the seven-man team who helped the father in his job, remembered how his father faltered at the crucial moment of the king's death: When he was forced to hold

the head up by its hair and show it to the people as ordered, that beautiful face still had its sweet and noble appearance and my father was nearly ill," said Henri, whose reminiscences were recorded by contemporaries.

"Lucky I was near to him and as I was tall I hid him from view and no-one noticed his emotion and his tears, which would cer-

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a machine that would dispatch tainly have led to us being guillovictims swiftly and with as little tined in our turn."

And Henri recalled how the executioners managed to carry on in their grisly duties as society Guillotin and Antoine Louis, the disintegrated around them.

"During that terrible time it was as though we were dazed, we did not think, we carried out our tasks with indifference, it was such an everyday occurrence.

"Bourreau"

nam's normally docile students "But once calm had to some have raised their voices in protest extent returned, and with it a and have demanded to be taught period of reflection, my father about markets as well as Marx. and I nearly went mad.

Charles-Henri's feelings about his job were so mixed, that he would not allow people to call him "bourreau" — the hlunt technical French word for executioner, favouring instead the ambiguous title "enforcer of criminal sentences."

Sanson's fate was happier than that of his unfortunate victims. He was finally allowed to retire in 1795 and died peacefully of natu-

ral causes 11 years later, aged 67. Brunet now wants to salvage his ancestor's reputation and convince the world that Charles-Henri was not a blood-crazed butcher deprived of human feelis a trait of the doomed

bourgeoisie.
"The curriculum just has to be made more appropriate to the present policies," said Huyhn HO CHI MINH CITY - Viet-Tan Mam, an editor of Tuan Tin Thanh Nien youth newspaper and deputy head of the Viet-In an unprecedented show of

namese students association. Faculties must be in touch with realities. The curriculum must change to deal with the real situahe said.

The outspoken student and the economic faculty of Ho Chi Minh University, where courses orthodox Marxist approach to a state-run economy. Medical,

demanded changes. It is a schizophrenic situation for economics students in particular. Official media exhort people to engage in private business in sentatives of the city's 70,000 class, students are taught that this

students put their case.

and economic autonomy.

"The country is changing.

newspaper protests jolted Vietnam's reformist Communist government, keen to encourage initiative in a floundering and inefficient social system and instill a sense of purpose in the economy. Higher Education Minister Tran Hong Quan was sent from

the capital Hanoi and, with Ho Chi Minh city Communist party chief Vo Tran Chi, heard repre-

Student sources said they gave assurances the curriculum would be changed and discussed plans for a broad reform of higher education, including giving universities greater administrative

They also agreed that a change in the teaching of Marxism-Leninism implemented elsewhere lası year should also be introduced in the southern city, called Saigon before the 1975 Communist victory in Vietnam.

The change means Marxism-Leninism is no longer a decisive part of final examinations for every student and is approached in a less dogmatic way. It remains an ohligarory element in the curriculum, judged by continuous

assessment in class. Many teachers and students called for a radical rethinking of the way Marxism is taught in addition to re-interpretation of the political ideology.

"This reform process must find right interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. Marx and Lenin could not predict conditions half a century after their death," said Vu Tuat Viet, an editor on the

arx and markets

Saigon Giai Phong Daily.
"The mistake in Vietnam and other states has been to see Marxism-Leninism as an unchangeable dogma and all who become dogmatic are threatened with fai-

The authorities' reaction reflected a new policy of encouraging of constructive criticism within limits to shake up an ossified

"We're not afraid of a generation of students who struggle and demonstrate but a generation of students who say nothing, another editor of Tuan Tin Thanh

Nien said. The youth paper Tuoi Tre noted that many students were

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from the country where they say farmers take advantage of a mon open policy to protest loudly ab

out unfair land holdings.

Students also complain abou bad living conditions, though with the whole of Vietnam strug gling to survive from week t week they get little sympathy.

Tuoi Tre told of students wandering from hostel to hoste searching for a place to sleep Some spent the night under trucks or hiding from guards in

their classrooms. In Hanoi itself, the governmen is trying a new scheme as part o its privatisation policy.

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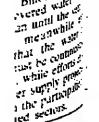
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Report calls for radical reshaping of U.S. foreign aid programme

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government report released Monday calls for a "radical reshaping" of U.S. foreign assistance programmes because current aid concepts are based on a world that no longer

"The challenges of today's prohlems, and tomorrow's, cannot be met with yesterday's solutions, suitable as they may have heen to yesterday's problems," said the report, issued by the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Alan Woods.

The 158-page study said the aid programme no longer seems able to fulfill its original mandate of helping poor countries achieve the transition from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Somewhere between 1949 and the present, the concept of aid as a transitional means of helping countries become self-sufficient was lost, it said.

Dependency vs. development "ls today's U.S foreign aid fostering healthy development towards independent prosperity -or simply postponing the day of reckoning for governments un-willing or unable to take the politically painful steps needed for their own development," the report asked.

'All too often, dependency

seems to have won out over development," the report said. A principal conclusion of the report calls for "radically reshaping" future assistance programmes to face new realities and to complement the contributions to ance objectives on top of each development of the U.S. private sector in providing humanitarian aid, education and overseas in-

This reshaping "must be both an immediate concern and a major long-term national priority. ited States, to alleviating poverty,

al interests of the United States," the report said.

'Graduation'

Woods told a group of reporters that no country has "graduated" from less developed to develoned status in the last 20 years. All this is in sharp contrast to the Marshall Plan of the late 1940s and early 1950s, when an

ambitious U.S. aid programme.

helped put Western Europe on its feet after World War II. One problem highlighted by the report is that "succeeding congresses and administrations, prodded hy the dominant crises — and interest groups — of the moment, have piled differing and

other. Winning friends -- countering Soviets

often conflicting foreign assist-

This "dizzying" array ranges

Nothing less will serve the nation- to countering the Soviet Union pient countries. and to finding markets for American farm products, the report

> In a December speech, Conressman Lee Hamilton, a member of a bipartisan House of Representatives Task Force on Foreign Aid, said the 33 separate statutory objectives for foreign assistance "are so numerous that they do not provide meaningful

> "All of these 33 objectives may be worthy. I prohably voted for most of them... however, a programme that pursues all objectives risks accomplishing none of them," he said.

Complicating fulfillment of these objectives has been a decline from \$19 billion to \$14 billion in the foreign aid programme from 1985 to the present, Hamilton said.

Woods' report suggested that developmental success has less to do with foreign aid levels than with the internal policies of reciRight policies

"Where development has worked, and is working, the key has been economic growth," it said. "And this is largely the result of the individual nations making the right policy choices and making the most of their internal human and material re-

The report said growth-oriented policies "are a constant among success cases, regardless of the level of aid they have received - which are sometimes greater and sometimes less than the levels received by developmental laggards."

It said the "impressive development of first Japan and later Taiwan and South Korea in East Asia is proof positive that the right donor programme and guidance, when matched by the right recipient policies, can result in a smooth transition from dependence to self-sufficiency.

the quota of 17.51 million barrels

lease that figures from the United

Arah Emirates (UAE) had not

yet been received. The UAE,

however, has persistently ex-

ceeded its target in the past,

according to private analysts. Its

Subroto said the supply figures

Private analysts estimated

OPEC surpassed its ceiling in

January hy about a million bar-

OPEC however, said it mea-

sures the anota by toting up crude

production plus the amount of oil

put into, or taken ont of, stock.

Production, which it defines as

the amount of crude measured at

storage facilities, was 18.13 mil-

lion b/d in January for the 12

The atmosphere in OPEC and

among the ministers is much bet-ter," he said. He attributed a

major part of the improvement to

an August ceasefire that ended

eight years of fighting between Iran and Iraq, key OPEC mem-

He also said he sensed oil

The oil producers, he said, seem to be given credit for work-

ing to implement the new accord,

change in their attitude toward OPEC and toward the oil indus-

try at large," he said. "I think it's a good sign."

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Analysts do not expect much difference

Non-OPEC technical experts debate five per cent cut in oil production

LONDON (Agenices) — Seven independent oil-producing nations met Tuesday to seek the hasis for a deal to trim output and back OPEC efforts to support petroleum prices.

Technical experts from Angola, Mexico, Egypt, Oman, Malaysia, China and Colombia attended the meeting in London. The seven countries were ex-

pected eventually to settle on a cut off 200,000 to 300,000 barrels daily as their contribution to achieving the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) target of \$18 a harrel oil, oil analysts said.

"In a fundamental sense (non-OPEC cuts) won't contribute much," said Christine Baker, a Nomura Research oil analyst.

Peter Nicol of Warburg Securities said: "(A cut) will have a psychological impact. It will be a breakthrough for OPEC to have got that cooperation."

Non-OPEC cuts can only be agreed on at ministerial level and only recommendations are likely to come from the latest talks.

The Soviet Union, North Ye men, Norway and the U.S. state of Alaska and the Canadian province of Alherta attended the meeting as observers.

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get other sellers to help it curb oil supply in order to charge more

Nearly a month ago experts from both sides held an exploratory meeting here. A joint statement said non-OPEC producers agreed to recommend to their governments that they act to help OPEC.

Last April a group of non-OPEC producers offered to cut their exports by five per cent provided OPEC make equal cuts. Divisions within OPEC made that impossible at the time and the offer lapsed.

After a ceasefire in the Gulf last August, OPEC met in November and healed rifts in its ranks, agreeing to cut output from January.

A Mexican official said this week's meeting will discuss the percentage share each country would shoulder in the event of an output cut. Their total output is currently around 8.4 million har-

A 200,000 b/d cut would represent an overall output reduction of 2.4 per cent and an export cut of five per cent.

But analysts said the supply picture from spring until summer

For years OPEC has wanted to did not look good and a reduction would not make much difference.

Fergus Macleod, oil analyst at securities house Barclays De Zoete Wedd (BZW), estimated demand for OPEC oil in the second quarter of this year at 18.1 million barrels daily. That com-pares with expected OPEC supply of around 19 million, he said, indicating a surplus of almost one million barrels of oil.

This excess could he limited to some 600,000 b/d if non-OPEC cuts 300,000 b/d, he said.

But analysts say the resump-tion of some North Sea production after a series of accidents, including a devastating explosion and fire at Britain's Piper Alpha platform last July, could limit the impact of non-OPEC cuts. Britain does not belong to OPEC and rejects cooperation with the non-OPEC group.

Many analysts expect oil prices to weaken a shade between April and June with non-OPEC cuts cushioning the fall.

North Sea Brent blend - the most widely traded on the spot market — is some \$16 to \$17 a

"Non-OPEC cuts would tend to limit the downside," said BZW's Macleod. "Prices may fall to around \$14.50 to \$15 (if non-OPEC cuts) rather than around \$14 otherwise."

Subroto says OPEC adhering to quotas

Meanwhile, a top OPEC official said Tnesday in Vienna that fresh figures show OPEC oil nations are complying with a new production accord designed to lift world crude prices.

Subroto, OPEC secretarygeneral, said in an interview that crude prices will "definitely" reach the group's target of \$1g a barrel in the second half of this

The reference price will be reached "sooner rather than la-ter" if members stick to their. OPEC-set production quotas and if independent exporting nations reduce their output, he said. Subroto, former Indonesian oil

coming months to trim their "There is definitely a positive, sign that... they will do something in reducing the supply," he said.

minister, predicted that non-

OPEC nations would agree in the

He declined to speculate how much the nations might slash "It is in their interest to reduce the supply so that we can reach \$18 a barrel, be said. "The more

they cut from their production, of course, the sooner we can see it in dollars a barrel." Subroto raised the possibility oil ministers from the indepen-

dent producers might make a formal offer to their OPEC counterparts to trim output at a meeting next month. Eight OPEC ministers already

are scheduled to gather here in Vienna the end of March to monitor results of the new production agreement.

The accord set an overall ceiling, or quota, of 18.5 million b/d for the 13 member nations in the first six months of this year.

According to figures released Monday by OPEC, 12 of the countries supplied a total of 17.42 million b/d in January, a bit under

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Soviet saving deposits soar

posits in Soviet state savings banks accounts soared 11 per cent in 1988 and now amount to some 300 billion rouhles or 60 per cent of the Kremlin's total cost budget for this year, Pravda reported Monday.

The Communist Party daily quoted a senior economist, Vladimir Bogachev, as saying the figures reflected "an extremely overstated money supply" which had also brought a growing deficit of consumer goods.

The savings total, \$480 billion at the official Soviet exchange rate, was given hy Vladimir Belokon, deputy chairman of the State Savings and Crediting Bank, in an interview with Pravda. It appeared just three days

after the party's ruling Politburo had agreed on urgent measures aimed at improving the state of the country's finances, but apparently rejected proposals for mass import of foreign consumer

Savings bank deposits, in the absence of the availability of more lucrative investments, are a traditional haven in the Soviet Union for cash which cannot be spent because of an absence of goods and services.

The size of the deposits, which earn an annual two per cent interest, clearly underlined the extent of the financial problem facing Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in pushing ahead with his economic reforms.

Belokon said the total at the end of 1987 had been 268 billion rouhles (\$429 billion), and 30 billion (\$48 billion) were added last year. In January, deposits in-creased by a further 1.8 billion. (\$2.9 billion).

Soviet officials now agree that

two thirds of which is financed by loans from its own state bank.

Overall government spending for 1989 has been set at 494 billion roubles (\$790 billion) with revenue, including the state bank loans, at 459 billion (\$734 bil-

The semi-official Novosti Press Agency said Monday that the roubles, which are not convertiimbalance "sends a tidal wave of deficits across the consumer goods markets, widens the gap between supply and demand and provokes creeping inflation."

Although no official consumer price index is issued in the Soviet Union, some leading economists have estimated that inflation the existence of which was for years flatly denied by officials is now running at up to six per

Economists say full rouble convertibility may take 10 years

Meanwhile, TASS said Monday that it most likely will take another 10 years for the Soviet Union to make rouhle fully convertible, a step needed to boost the country's trade with capitalist economies.

'Complete ronble convertibility is impossible without realistic proportions in the retail pricing system, which has to be drastically reformed, and undue haste is intolerable in this field," it quoted economist Nikolai Shmelev as telling a TASS corres-

The official Soviet news agency said many Soviet experts believe 'the Soviet economy cannot be expected to adopt complete rouble convertibility earlier than the end of the next decade."

the government is already run-ning a budget deficit of around reforms, the Soviet Union is said.

100 billion rouhles (\$160 billion), seeking greater cooperation with foreign husinesses to provide badly needed high technology as well as some types of consumer goods and services that are in

chronic short supply. But in most cases foreign companies find it difficult if not impossible to take profits out of the Soviet Union since they are in

ble on the world market. Soviet economists have said that part of the economic reform must be a move to making the rouble convertible.

They have promised that the price reform Shmelev considers essential to rouble convertibility will be implemented in the early

Shmelev has gained fame in the Soviet Union in the past two years with his stinging criticism of the Soviet economy and radical proposals to improve it.

TASS quoted Vyacheslav Dashichev, a department head in the Institute of the World Socialist System, that time is needed to create "a new and integral economic mechanism complete with commercial, economic methods of management, high worker productivity and competitive goods."

Yuri Shiryayev, director of the institute, told the Soviet news agency that the country should start with an extension of the transferrable rouble now used in trade with socialist countries.

He said such a transferrable ronhle could be backed up with gold or convertible currency, and then could be used not only in trade with other socialist countries, hut with capitalist economies as well.

The rouble, and the currencies of Czechoslovakia. Bulgaria and Mongolia have been fully convertible since last year, TASS

Developing nations to suffer # most from climate changes

WASHINGTON (R) - An environmental expert said Monday rapid climate changes like those expected to be caused by the greenhouse effect will widen the gap between industrialised and developing countries.

"Developing countries, with small reserves of capital, too few scientists and engineers and weak central governments, will be the hardest hit," said Jessica Tuch-man Mathews, vice president of the World Resources Institute.

Current trends suggest that the earth's temperature, as a result of the greenhouse effect, will rise by three to eight degrees Fahrenheit by the year 2030, she told the ning session of the International Development Conference. "Hotter temperatures will be only one result," she said.

reporting countries.

It marked the first time the group had released such monthly Rain patterns would shift, Subroto suggested that "OPEC has more or less found its form

perhaps causing dust-bowl condi-tions in the U.S. grain belt, ocean currents would shift and sea levels would rise over three feet due to the melting of land-based ice and thermal expansion of the

Air France posts record growth

PARIS (Agencies) — Air France Chairman Bernard Attali has pre-sented the initial estimates of the market participants felt "more comfortable toward OPEC becompany's financial results for 1988 as well as its prospects for 1969 and the coming years. He said that pas-senger traffic went up 8.8 per cent in 1988 while seat capacity rose by 7.9 per cent. The average seat load factor therefore exceeded the 70 per cent mark, an all time record for Air "maybe not strictly up to the barrel in January, but the effort

of member countries to adhere to The chairman added that cargo their quota agreement has been traffic developed at a rate of 6.9 per cent with an increase in capacity of 72.3 per cent. The market, he said, also seems hopeful non-OPEC na-This considerable growth in traffic

enabled the company to increase its turnover by eight per cent and post a net profit in the range of 1200 million tions will help out. "May be the cut (by non-OPEC exporters) will French francs.
All the Air France subsidiaries be moderate hut the political and the psychological meaning of that cooperation I think is substantial," he said. showed a profit in 1988.

New features for the company in 1989 will include:

. The opening of terminal 2D/ passenger/ and the entry into service Suhroto noted there have been more contacts between the Soviet Union, the world's largest oil of the surface transit HUB/ BOP/ in the Air France cargo terminal of Charles De Gaulle Airport. producer, and other oil nations. "There has been some subtle

. The opening of many new destina-tions and routes; . Six new European destinations and one in Africa. Four new domestic routes operated six times a week.

. Twice weekly Boeing 747 direct flights Lyon/New York. . Fifteen new routes between the major French regional capitals and

various European cities.
Resumption of the Tokyo/Papeete service thereby enabling the company to circle the entire world. . Boeing 747 freighter flight Paris/ Charles De Gaulle Airport/ New York/ Newark Airport/.

.New features in ground service namely:
. The implementation of the magnetic stripe ATB ticket.

The possibility for the general public to make plane reservations

through the Minitel. . The launch of a new series of airport lounges.

New features in inflight service:
The introduction of experimental

non-smoker flights.

The launching of a video system allowing passengers to follow the course of the flight on screen. . A new breakfast.

the Mississippi to the Ganges would be flooded," she said. A water rise of just over a foot and a tal and development problems is half (0.5 metres) would displace 16 per cent of the population of

Egypt, she said. Saying the world was facing the challenge of environmental decline, Tuchman Mathews said nations should include resource depletion and damage to ecosystems in their calculation of gross added hillion will live in the national product (GNP).

"GNP is the foundation on takes no account of resource depletion," she said. "A country can consume its forests, wildlife era," she said.

oceans, Tuchman Mathews said. and fisheries, its minerals, its "The great river deltas from clean water and its topsoil, all without seeing a glimmer of the loss in its GNP." At the core of the environmen-

> the question of population growth, she said. Over the next decade the world's population will increase by one billion people from to-

day's five billion. More than 90 per cent of the developing world, with the result that by the end of the 1990s the which national economic policies developed countries will be home are built and yet its calculation to just 20 per cent of the world's people, down by almost half since

Kuwait inaugurates modernised refinery

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait Monday inaugurated a modernised oil refinery which Oil Minister Ali Al Khalifa Al Sahah said would boost global competitiveness of

Kuwaiti refined products.
The Kuwait News Agency
(KUNA) said Prime Minister Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah formally reopened the Mina Abdullah Refinery, rehuilt and expanded at a cost of \$2.2 billion. It is the last of three refineries modernised under an eight-year, \$5 billion programme to hike

domestic refining capacity hy almost one-third to 700,000 barrels daily. "The completion of modernisation of Kuwaiti refineries will strengthen their desired integration with refineries owned by the Kuwait Petroleum) Corporation

in Europe," Sheikh Ali said. This will enable Kuwait to reap the fruit of its efforts and hnge investments and give it a hig competitive edge," he added.

Kuwait has aggressively ex-panded oil refining operations at home and abroad to increase revenue from its crude.

The northern Gulf state and member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries owns refineries in the Netherlands and Denmark and some 5,000 European petrol stations. With the refinery expansions, Kuwait can market more than

three-fourths of its crude oil pro-

duction as refined products.

Kuwait's OPEC production quota is 1.037 million barrels Mina Abdullah's capacity has risen to 200,000 barrels daily from 75,000 and Sheikh Ali said

its technology was among the world's most advanced.

A major feature is the almost total absence of fuel oil output in favour of more valuable, lighter distillates such as gas oil and kerosene.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1989 Central Bank official rates

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 Dutch guider
 257.0
 259.9

 Swedish crown
 85.0
 85.0

 Italian lira (for 100)
 39.6
 40.0

 Belgian franc (for 10)
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 139.8
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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Mysterious man in black cleans field with ski jump

LAHTI, Finland (AP) - Gunde Svan skied to an expected victory and Jari Puikkonen flew to an unexpected win Monday at the world Nordic ski championship.

Puikkonen, a 29-year-old veteran from Finland, captured the 90-metre special ski jump title as the local hoy finally made

Puikkonen, who was horn in Lahti and knows the hill better than any other jumper, dethroned triple Olympic champion Matti Nykanen hy soaring 113.5 metres (372.3 feet) and 107 metres (351 feet) for 218.5 points.

Svan, the Swede who has been the world's best cross-country skier this decade, led the men's 15-kilometre freestyle race from start to finish

Torgny Morgen finished run-ner-up and Lars Haland was third. It was Sweden's first sweep of the medals at that distance in world championship history.

Finland leads the medal standings with two gold, two silver and two bronze medals after six of the 15 events. The Soviet Union is second at 2-1-1 and Sweden is

It was the first major individual ski jumping championship for Puikkonen, who competed in a hlack outfit.

"I thought I was a dark horse in the competition," said Puik-"I was a fantastic victory. 1 didn't think I had a chance to win, hat my first jump was per-

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Waytraded to Sacramento Monday by the Indiana Pacers, who have lost third-worst record.

In return, the Pacers got centre Lasalle Thompson and little-used guard Randy Wittman to help alleviate what they said was had team chemistry. Indiana, 11-38 on the season, also sent a secondround draft pick to the Kings and waived veteran guard John Long to make room for Thompson and

General manager Donnie Walsh would not say whether further moves were likely hefore Thursday's trading deadline, tion the Pacers are trying to deal forward Herh Williams.

is a 12-man problem, or a five-

Tisdale, the Pacers' sixth man for most of his career, was second on the team in scoring this season at 16 points a game and third in rebounding at 6.5. But he recently complained about his status and inconsistent playing time and said

second player in the draft is the kind you would want if you're

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN ANO QMAR SHARIF

had some difficulties."

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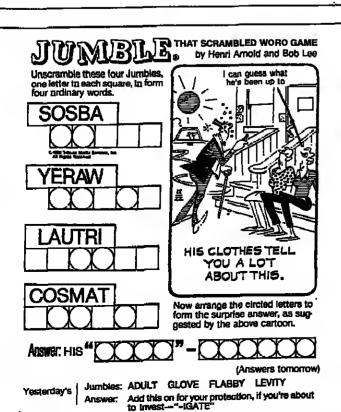
North had an impossible rebid to make. To jump in three bearts be really needed a fourth heart; and a leap to two no trump was not ideal without a club stopper. We really don't mind which of the two lies you would choose in tell—on this hand the final contract would be the

play of encouraging a club continuation by playing the nine, East over-took the king with the ace and declarer included, it looked as if East held a doubleton club. West was certainly taken in, because be took the gueen of clubs and led a third round of the suit.

Declarer was not going to let East score a cheap ruff, so be trumped in dummy with the queen, which against a normal trump distributinn. When his right-hand oppo-nent followed with a third clubdeclarer began to have an inkling ni what was about to befall. And when West showed nut on the first round nf trumps, it was confirmed-down



"You remind me of vegetables. You always come to dinner cold. steamed, spoiled or pickled."



Pacer chemists seek formula

man Tisdale, the second player taken in the 1985 NBA draft, was 10 in a row and have the league's

Wittman. although there has been specula-

American at Oklahoma, who was picked just behind Patrick Ewing of New York in 1985. "Chemistry man problem for the players on

same, and there's no telling which will turn out right in other cases. West led the king of clubs, and East paused to take stock. Declarer had in have the ace of bearts for his two bids, so realistically three tricks in the black suits were all the defenders could expect unless West held the jack of hearts. However, East knew that trumps were breaking badly for declarer, and he was able to use that knowledge to pull

off a slick swindle.
the thick swindle, the normal

would have been perfectly safe

were not a factor in the trade. "We were talking about this deal long before that," he said. But he said the reason was

"Wayman is nn1 a scapegoat in any fashion." Walsh said of the 6-foot-8 Tisdale, a three-time all-

the floor."

be would rather be traded. "We need to make a move for a consistent post-up player and Wayman Tisdale would fit that hill extremely well," said coach Jerry Reynolds of the kings, who are sixth in the Pacific division at 14-35. "Any player who was the

huilding." Walsh said Tisdale's comments fect. The second wasn't as good. 1

Hawks 114, Clippers 100

one Wilkins scored 30 points and Moses Malone had 21 points and 15 rebounds to lead Atlanta over the Los Angeles Clippers 114-100.

It was the Clippers' 24th loss in their last 25 games and was

Association games Monday night: Cavaliers 110, Rockets 90

NBA Roundup

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) -Mark Price scored 27 points and Larry Nance blocked seven shots as the Cleveland Cavaliers used a relentless defence to beat the Houston Rockets 110-90 for their 18th straight home

The Cavaliers, improving the NBA's best record to 39-12, swarmed over Akeem Olainwon whenever he touched the ball and made the Rockets' centre work hard for all of his 21 points, more than three under his average.

Bulls 102, Trailbiazers 98 CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan scored 33 points and top draft choice will perdne hit two key Baskets as Chicago

defeated Portland.

Jordan scored 12 in the final quarter. He hit five straight free throws at the end of the

Nuggets 103, Pistons 101

DENVER (AP) - Alex English's 30 points and a missed 18-footer (5.5-metre shot) hy Isiah Thomas with three seconds left in the game enabled Denver to withstand a furious Detroit.

Thomas' shot hit the rim, and he rebounded under the basket. But Fat Lever stole the ball before Thomas could get off another shot.

ATLANTA (AP) — Domini-

NEW YORK (AP) — Here is a the Hawks' fourth victory in roundup of National Basketball five games since the all-star break

"We have good individual

players, but it just wasn't work-

Nets 117, Heat 109

ing," Walsh said.

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Roy Hinson scored 24 points and Chris Morris 23 as the New Jersey Nets defeated the Miami Heat 117-109, ending the expansion team's two-game winning

Miami, which had trailed hy 16 points late in the second quarter, rallied in the third period, twice taking one-point

Mavericks 105, Spurs 93 SAN ANTONIO (AP) -

Rolando Blackman scored 19 of his 37 points in the fourth period as the Dallas Mavericks defeated the San Antonio Spurs for the ninth consecutive time,

The Mays also got 16 points and 21 rebounds from James Donaldson as Dallas ontrebounded the Spurs 59-30. Jazz 118. Suns 92

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -Karl Malone scored 28 of his 35 points in the first half as the Utah Jazz won their fourth straight game, defeating the Phoenix Suns 118-92.

John Stockton added 19 points and 17 assists for the Jazz, while Thuri Bailey had 17 points and Darrell Griffith 16. Lakers 100, Kings 97

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) - Two free throws hy David Rivers with four seconds left clinched the Los Angeles Lakers' 100-97 victory over the

Sacramento Kings.

Byron Scott scored 33 — just two points shy of his seasonhigh - to pace the Lakers. Kenny Smith and Ricky Berry led Sacramento with 15 points apiece.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1969

YOUR HOROSCOPE

As Charted By the Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: is shy will increase your chances of Take this time to renew your emo-tional and physical energy. Prepare for strong forces that can interfere with your plans, Enjoy variety and unique social contacts. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Avoid unnecessary risks. A new romantic connection can fulfill intimate dresms. Contact a family

timate dresus. Contact a family friend from the past.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Boost self-confidence and push yourself up the ladder of success. Career goals are soon to be achieved. Have a physical checkup.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Sedentary lifestyles or anything goes? Reality is enmewhere between those two, and choices between those two, and choices need to be made. Strike a balance. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Some trendy clothes buying can give you an emotional boost. Be at your best as first impressions will be important to move forward. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Patien is required to resolve a complicated issue. More freedom and upscaled responsibility appear on the job.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)
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sensual delights. A call to one who

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THE Daily Crossword by Harvey Chem

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A

bave you on the go. The evening vibrates with attention from a stranger who catches your eye. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A sense of humor will week away the blues. You remain strong in face of difficulties. Lovemaking and eve-ning activities are rewarding. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Your adventurous mood will be pleasing if you share it with a com-panion. Social contacts increase. Resist the temptation to spend. ... CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Look at your own attitudes if you feel rejected by someone dear to you. Not a favorable day for impor-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Avoid negative people and prophets of doom. At times your tolerant altroistic ways let dods enter your personal life. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar, 20) The

sun's position in Pisces shines favorable light. Enjoy personal suc-cess. Tonight was made for your loving arms.

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World Youth Soccer Cup

Iraq shocks Spain, set to qualify

TAIF. Saudi Arabia (AP) — Iraq pulled off a surprise 2-0 win against Spain Monday in group D play at the World Youth Cup soccer championship. The half-time score was 1-0.

Karrem Mohammed Wali struck home in the 40th minute and Hussein Shaih Laith knocked in the second goal in the 51st.

The victory at the King Fahd Sports City stadium in this mountain resort left the Gulf side poised to qualify for a quarterfinal place in the 16-team under-19 competition.

Iraq now needs only one point from Wednesday's match against Argentina to clinch the group's top place. But a win by Argentina or hy Spain in its match against Norway, would leave the quali-fiers to be decided on goal differ-

Iraq repeatedly tore through the Spanish team's defence, undeceived by its off-side trap. Spanish goalkeeper Jose Santiago Canizares Ruiz turned in a lack-

adaisical performance.
Iraq dominated the field, with eight players falling back in de-fence, then switching to a fivepronged counter-attack.

Abdel Hameed Saad, A.A. Attia Riadh, Hussein Ali Salim, and Wali of Iraq stayed in thick of the action, with Laith providing some fine passes to keep the attacks flowing.

Their efforts paid off close to the interval when Wali broke free to collect a curving cross and make his way forward. He beat the advancing Spanish keeper by sliding around him and slotting in

After the hreak, Iraq exploited

back pass hy Domingo Larrainzar Santamaria intended for Alberto Ferrer Llopis was neatly cut away by Lath and slammed home. But the Spaniard, the best de-

fender in his team, made amends with a goal-line save after Laith again beat the keeper a few minutes later. The United States downed

East Germany in group C play at Jeddah, while Portugal squeaked past a nine-strong Nigeria in group A at Riyadh to secure a place in the knock-out second phase in the under-19 contest. Colombia kept alive faint hopes of qualifying with a win

over Syria in group B at Dammam. Two teams from each group go through to the quarter-

The young Iraqis upset the odds in group D with a 2-0 win in the mountain resort city of Taif. Goals came from Karrem Mohammed Wali in the 40th minute and Hussein Shaih Laith in

the 51st. The under-19 team also vindicated their seniors. The Iraqi national squad was dismantled in Baghdad a few days ago after a dismal showing in elimination games for the 1990 World Cup.

With a 1-0 win against Norway, the Iraqis need only a draw against Argentina Wednesday to clinch the group's top place.

But they may still regret not grahhing a few more goals from the weak Spanish defence to raise a Spanish defence error when a their chances of reaching the

Garrison proposes, and Garf disposes

FAIRFAX, Virginia (AP) - The 16 points. Bassett-Seguso said numbers and the testimony of others indicate otherwise, but Zina Garrison thinks the top. players in women's tennis are catching up to Steffi Graf.

West Germany's Graf, who is 84-3 since the beginning of 1988, has yet to lose a set in 12 matches this year. Her latest success was a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Garrison Sunday in the finals of the \$300,000 Virginia Slims of Graf won 20 straight points at the outset of that match and

dropped only 16 games in the five matches she played in the weeklong tournament. But Garrison's strong showing in the second set leads her to believe that Graf, the world's top-ranked player, is far from invulnerable.

"I think people are getting closer and closer to playing her (even)," Garrison said. "There are people who can give her a game. ...It's just that she beats other people so hadly, people dwell on those matches.'

One such match occurred in the second round of the tournament, when Graf disposed of Carling Bassett-Seguso, 6-0, 6-0, in 42 minutes. After winning only

some of Graf's shots were "not human," and that Graf would fare well on the men's circuit.

Canadian Helen Kelesi, who managed to win one game from Graf two days later, said: "The game Steffi is playing right now, not many people can beat her. I don't know who can."

Only two people have pulled off the feat in the last 12 months - Gabriela Sahatini, who has done it twice, and Pam Shriver. The five games Garrison cap-

tured Sunday were the most Graf has surrendered in a set this year. Garrison's lone victory over Graf came in 1985, but the no. 9 player in the world got a shot of confidence from her strong second-set "My better chances to beat her

are probably in the summer," she said. "I'm about five pounds overweight, and I'll be in better shape in the summer.' Graf won the Grand Slam last year and is one-quarter of the

way to pulling off an encore At every tournament, in virtually every interview. Graf is asked whether she can complete

quarter-finals. For the group D Arahia, who already are out of team that reaches the knock-out running. second phase of the 16-team contest could still be the one with the with a 2-0 victory over Syria,

best goal average. thanks to goals by Wilson Munoz A win hy Argentina and by (42nd) and Diego Osorio off a Spain against Norway, each with penalty in the 84th. two points from two matches. could leave all three teams press- against the Soviet Union, already ing for the two quarter-final qualified from Dammam, could

There are four teams in each group in the 16-nation tournament whose finals are played on

In Jeddah, an outstanding performance by American goalkeeper Kasey Keller helped his team gain full points, and efficiently pushed the East Germans out of the running.

Two strikes from counternffensives by Troy Dayak (47th) and Steve Snow off a penalty (89th) boosted the American side before their key match against favourites Brazil Wednesday.

Mali, also hattling for the second sport, will play the East Germans in Wednesday's second Portugal qualified after sweat- lory and steer them to the top of

ing it out against Nigeria, only scoring through Joao Pinto in the 78th after Nduka Ugbade and Michael Onyemachara were sent Nigeria hattles Czechoslovakia

group A two points clear of second placed Nigeria and thirdplaced Czechoslovakia. Xavier came closest to hreaking the deadlock in a dull first half hut Nigerian goalkeeper Angus Teiji denied him on both occa-

Colombia stayed in the hunt

One point from the final game

take Colombia through — but

only if Costa Rica falters against

off and three booked as they

crashed 1-0 to Partugal in an ill

tempered match at the World

Youth Soccer championship

Joao Pinin scored an excellent

goal 10 minutes from time to

secure his side a quarter-final

place after Nigerians Michael

Onyemachare and Nduka

Ughade were dismissed in the

second half for fouls on substitute

Pinto volleyed hame unmarked

after Helio Sousa had nodded

down Jose Xavier's cross to earn

the Portuguese their second vic-

Monday.

Nigeria had two players sent

for the other spot Wednesday Teiji with Portugal playing hosts Saudi sions.

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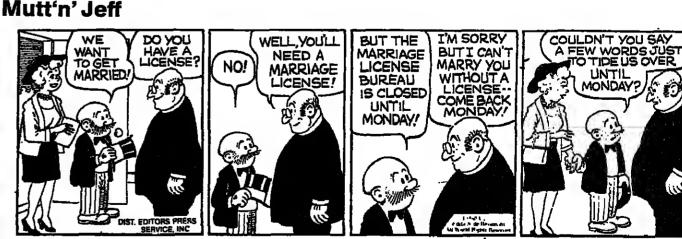
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Peanuts



















Andy Capp



Tempers flare over

NEPLES (R) - Police had to

cool blazing tempers in Naples

when angry residents attacked

firemen who took half an hour to

get to a burning apartment a few

hundred metres from their fire

station. Six people were hurt in

Monday's fire. Firemen blamed

chaotic traffic and parked cars for

BELGRADE (AP) - Butchers

prepared a 137-metre-long saus-

age for the annual feast in the village of Turija, a news agency

reports. The sausage was presented Saturday to tourists from

Sibenik who arrived in Turija to

represent their town on the central Adriatic coast at the feast,

according to Tanjug, the official

Yugoslav news agency. The cere-

mony was part of the prepara-

tions for the annual sausage feast

in Turija. For the next two

weekends, thousands of people

from all parts of the country are

expected to converge on the Vo-

jvodina village for the festival.

down for the record

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Fes-

tival organisers set off an 5,723-

metre chain of firecrackers worth

about 50,000 ringgits (\$18,330)

Monday, and prepared to claim a

world record, the national news

agency Bernama reported. With

about 2,000 people watching, a total of 3,338,777 firecrackers

containing 666 kilogrammes of

gunpowder were set off in the

firecracker firing festival, Berna-

ma reported from Jobore

Baharu, 290 kilometres south of

Kuala Lumpur. A local entrep-

reneur paid for the firecrackers,

Bernama added. The festival.

marking the 15th day of the

Chinese Lunar New Year, was

organised by the Tampoi branch

of the Youth Movement of

Malaysia. Jackson Tim, the

movement's chairman, said the

group would try to enter the

firecracker feat in the Guinness

Book of World Records. The

current world record is 3,988

metres, established in Macao

June 27, 1987. using 2,788,000 firecrackers and 600 kilogrammes

of gunpowder. The firing took six

hours and 49 minutes to com-

Up for the blast.

late firemen

the delay.

Supersize

sausage feast



A London policeman stands guard outside the publishers of novelist Salman Rushdie after Iran's leader Ayatollah Khomeini urged Muslims to kill the writer and those associated with the publication of

rive piece of work of fantasy with

savage cannibalism on a desert

island. The book is dedicated to

her husband just as his own novel

In its review of the Wiggins

book the Sunday Telegraph com-

mented: "A week in which a

price is put on your husband's

head for a book which allegedly

impugns the integrity of Muslims

is scarcely the most opportune

moment to publisb your own

poles apart. "This strong and

powerful fantasy is unlikely to

offend anyone, with the possible

exception of cannibals, whom it

certainly portrays in an unfavour-

said Wiggins' prose was "stylisti-

cally adept, psychologically acute, brilliantly observant of a

set of characters... (but) the

novel still suffers from a sense of

incompleteness, of harbouring

material which has not yet been

Then it added: "At the present

moment criticism is of rather less

importance to Marianne Wiggins

and Salman Rushdie than the

properly worked out."

The Independent newspaper

Their novels, it added, are

is dedicated "to Marianne."

Threat spills over to Rushdie's wife

LONDON (R) - A few hours reviewing her novel, an imaginabefore Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered the death of Salman Rushdie, the British author and his American wife were celebrating the launch of her own hook "John Dollar" at a literary

soiree in London. Now Marianne Wiggins, whose novel has received fovourable reviews in the British press, is in hiding with her husband who was condemned by the Iranian spiritual leader for alleged blasphemy in his award-winning novel "The

Satanic Verses. A statuesque 48-year-old, Wiggins is Rushdie's second wife and said to be more than a match for his writing talent.

Wiggins has been writing since the early 1970s but her reputation is confined largely to the United States. Only two of her four books, "Separate Checks," and a collection of stories, "Herself Alone," have appeared in Bri-

She cancelled a promotional tour of the United States after Khameini pronounced his edict and has not been seen since a dinner at an elegant London restaurant for a sombre celebration of her book's publication.







Kohl has said he wants to put

off until 1991 or 1992 a decision

on whether to replace the approx-

imately 600 Lance missiles sta-

tioned in West Germany, An

earlier decision could make the

missiles an issue in next year's

national election campaign in

West Germans have become

increasingly interested in better

ries with the Soviet bloc, and fear

that introducing new missiles

could thwart progress.

The British and U.S. govern-

ments have been pushing for the

replacement of the aging missiles

to boost West European de-

Kohl discussed the issue last

week with visting U.S. Secretary

of State James A. Baker. The

summit is the first face-to-face

meeting hetween Thatcher and

Kohl since his talks with Baker.

the Lance missiles aimed at East

Germany and Czechoslovakia

with rockets capable of travelling

up to 500 kilometres. The current

Lance missiles have a 120

kilometres range.

U.S. officials hope to replace

Helmut Kohl

West Germany.

market.

Kohl, Thatcher focus on missiles, Common Market

FRANKFURT (AP) - Econo- rency as part of the harrier-free mic issues and West German reluctance to upgrade the Western alliance's short-range nuclear missiles dominated talks Monday between British Prime Minister Margatet Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Friedhelm Ost, Kohl's chief spokesman, said economics topped the agenda. He played down differences over modernising

short-range nucleat weapons. 'We are closer on many points than most people suspect," Ost

told reporters. Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's spokesman, told reporters after

the hourlong meeting: "There is a determination on

the part of both countries to work close together" on the missiles

But he also reiterated Thatcbcr's position that the weapons should be replaced. Ost said the two leaders also

discussed problems linked to the implementation of the planned barrier-free European market in 1902 and a proposed single European currency.

Britain is strongly opposed to creating a single European cur-

Organisation of African Unity (OAU), Ide Oumar-

ou, urged African nations Tuesday to provide troops or civilian staff to boost the size of the U.N. peacekeeping force in Namibia.

S. Africa strikers

moved to hospital

Oumarou told a meeting of Oumarou said. African foreign ministers in Addis Ababa that African states should be prepared to pay the expenses of any soldiers or civilians placed at the disposal of the United Nations, which will supervise Namibia's transition to independence this year.

"Africa must assert itself as a matter of principle to undertake a role in the decolonisation of Namibia, even if it means sending cut costs. military or civilian personnel to make up for the reduced staff of the U.N. peacekeeping force," small to prevent South Africa,

South African activists who are

staging a hunger strike in protest

against their detention without

trial have been moved to hospit-

al, church officials said Tuesday.

They are among up to 135 prisoners on a death fast in the

Indian Ocean cities of East Lon-

don and Pietermaritzburg to

press for their release from deten-

non, the South African Council

of Churches (SACC) said in a

"Family members who attemp-

ted to see the detainees at the

hospital were refused permission

almost two years, the statement

The church statement was re-

leased as South African Law and

Order Minister Adriaan Vlok

acted to free dozens of political

detainees and agreed to meet

lawyers representing bundreds

PEKING (R) - China delivered

a stero warning to its restless

minorities Tuesday, two weeks

before the 30th anniversary of a

failed Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule in the Himalayan

"We must maintain a high de-

gree of vigilance and wage a

resolute struggle against destruc-

tive separatist activities," senior

Communist Party official Yan

Mingru told a national conference

in Peking on China's ethnic

Conspiracies by a small num-

ber of people could never suc-

ceed. Yan said, according to the party newspaper, People's Daily.

The great majority of people

would lawfully and severely crack

down on the separatist movement

in Tibet, a second official was

Their warnings appeared

aimed at Tibetan nationalists

who, according to Western

sources in the capital, Lhasa,

want to bold demonstrations

there to mark the 30th anniversary March 10 of a mass

quoted as saying Monday.

minorities.

Peking issues new

warning to Tibetans

statement.

added.

African nations, and the OAU itself, have strongly objected to the U.N. Security Council's move to cut the size of the proposed force from 7,500 to 4,650.

nent members - Britain, France, China, the United States and the Soviet Union, which will meet the bulk of the cost of the peacekeeping force - say the reduction will

The Security Council's perma-

But African states are concerned that the force will he too

Lawyers said Vlok agreed

Tuesday to meet representatives

of about 300 people detained in

East London, Pietermaritzburg

and Durban, but had not yet set a

About 300 detainees ended

bunger strikes in Johannesburg

and Port Elizabeth last week

when Vlok agreed after meeting

lawyers, families and clergymen

of South Africa's estimated 1,000

Vlok made his concession in

return for the suspension of bun-

ger strikes after 21 detainees were

taken to hospitals in Johannes-

burg, some of them on the verge

of permanent brain, kidney and

The strike drew broad support.

including a pledge by Allan

Boesak, president of the World

Alliance of Reformed Churches,

to starve himself to death if the

rebellion against Chinese rule.

Communist troops crusbed the

1959 uprising and Tibet's spiritual

leader, the Dalai Lama, fled into

exile in India, where he still leads a campaign for Tibetan

Police opened fire on the last

The China news service said

police in Lbasa bad stopped 300

nuns from marching towards the

city centre Monday. It did not say

whether there were any arrests.

Nationalist flags and pro-inde-

pendence leaflets appeared in

front of a temple and a hospital in

Lhasa, the agency said. Officials in Lbasa could not be contacted

for comment but foreign travellers said by telephone that

the city was quiet.
Chinese authorities were

watching the latest developments

closely, the official news agency

Buddhist monks and nuns have

led several anti-Chinese marches in Lhasa since September 1987.

major demonstration by monks in

December, killing a man carrying

a Tibetan nationalist flag.

detainees were not freed.

to release a "substann'al number"

polifical detainees.

eye damage.

autonomy.

ADDIS ABABA (R) — The secretary-general of the ruler of Namibia for more than 70 years, from influencing general elections scheduled for April in the run-up to independence.

Oumarou, addressing ministers who are preparing for the OAU's annual summit of heads of state in mid-1989, said the OAU should play a role in the elec-

"The electoral process in Namibia can take an unpredictable turn given the unpredictability of South Africa, and the OAU must ensure that Namibians are not robbed of their independence," be said.

The South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) nationalist group, which has fought South African rule in Namibia for more than 20 years, bas said it fears Pretoria may send arms into the country to destabil-

Mikhail Gorbachev

Gorbachev

under fire

in Ukraine

MOSCOW (Agencies) - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev ar-

rived in a Ukrainian industrial

city Tuesday after coming under a barrage of criticism over his

"perestroika" reform programme

when be went on a walkabout in

But in marked contrast to pre-

vious incidents of heckling, he

appeared better prepared - nod-

ding and smiling and abandoning

Gorbachev told the crowds

during his walkabout - a charac-

teristic feature of his visits both at

home and abroad - that the

Soviet leadership was aware of the problems facing the country and working to deal with them.

But be spoke against expecting magic solutions. "I could stand

up and tell you we'll solve every-

thing in three years," he said.

"But that is just demagoguery."

Soviet televisinn showed Gor-

bacbey, followed by his wife

Raisa and a far-from-relaxed Ukrainian Communist Party

leader Vladimir Shcherbitsky,

plunging into crowds on the first

day of a visit to the southwestern

"Press on, press on." be advo-cated after bearing repeated com-

plaints about food shortages,

prices, living conditions, and

Gurbachev arrived Tuesday in the Ukrainian industrial city of

Lvov, and prepared his first trip

to the Chernobyl power plant

nearly three years after the

world's worst nuclear disaster

Soviet republic.

abuses of power.

there.

the Ukrainian capital, Kiev.

Monday.

a hectoring tune.

SWAPO, widely expected to win the elections, has also accused South Africa of giving Namibian identity cards to South Africans to try to rig the polls its the mineral-rich territory once ruled by Germany.

Oumarou said the OAU was pleased with the Brazzaville peace accord which opened the way for Namibia's independence as well as providing for a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

He said the U.S.-mediated agreement between South Africa, Angola and Cnba bad buoyed Washington's influence in Africa, where the United States has frequently been criticised for backing mainly rightist rebels.

He added, however: "If Amer- there.

OAU pushes for bigger Namibia force ica remained neutral and con-fined itself to peace and a just solution, it would bave brought the unjust regime in South Africa to beel a long time ago."

> Oumarou reiterated the OAU's view that South Africa should lift its nationwide state of emergency, free political prisoners and open negotiations with the black majority on creating a multi-racial state based on oneman, one-vote.

He accused South Africa of destabilising governments of its hlack majority-ruled neighbours, the so-called frontline states.

He cited in particular Mozambique, which has been racked by 13 years of civil strife which the Maputo government blames on Pretoria's support for insurgents

Ex-Marcos aide retracts charges

MANULA (R) - A former Philippine cabinet minister Tuesday withdrew a statement naming Japan's Mitsni and Nisshio-Iwai companies as having allegedly paid deposed President Ferdinand Marcos kickbacks to win contracts.

It was the second time in less than a week that Baltazar Aguino, public works and highways minister under Marcos, retracted allegations he made in a 1987 affidavit linking seven Japanese firms to the alleged payoffs.

Last Friday he withdrew accusations against two other companies, Marubeni Corpora-tion and C. Itoh and Company, which he had also named in the affidavit.

Aquino, no relation to President Corazon Aquino, made the retraction at the resumption of a hearing in connection with graft charges against Marcos filed by government lawyers.

"No, that is not correct. They are not involved." Aquino said, refusing to affirm portions of his affidavit linking Mitsui and Nisshio-Iwai to the alleged payoffs.

He affirmed that Sakai Heavy Industries, Sumitomo, and Toyo trading gave "voluntary commis-sions" to the former president in return for assurances they would win contracts to supply equipment for road-building projects.

"I would like to emphasise that they gave voluntary commissions and not kickbacks," Aquino said. "But I don't remember anymore bow much was the amount of the contracts.

Aquino, 79 and suffering from a heart problem and hearing difficulties, had named the seven companies as baving given him commissions for Marcos totalling \$4.5 million. He said he deposited the amounts in Marcos' account in a Hong Kong branch of Swiss Banking Corporation.

Soviets could have 200,000 AIDS cases by year 2000

MOSCOW (R) - Experts in the Soviet Union, where AIDS was once officially described as "a capitalist phenomenon," believe the country could bave 15 million 200 with 200,000 people dead or

infected. The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said the figure was based on the current rate that AIDS (acquired immunity deficiency syndrome) is spreading

across the country. At the same time, the trade union daily Trud quoted Deputy Health Minister Alexander Kondrusyev as saying medical calculations suggested there would be 55,000 carriers by the end of the century with 1,300 infected.

The widely-varying figures came in separate reports in the two newspapers following a conference of an emergency commis-sion nn AIDS in Moscow Monday chaired by Health Minister

Yevgeny Chazov.
"Mathematicians calculate that, at the current growth rate of the disease, by 1995 there will be sterilised in the hospital's laborin the country approximately atories and passed for further 600,000 carriers and 6,000 sick and dying from AIDS," Pravda

"By the year 2000, the number of carriers will rise to 15 million and the sick and dead to 200,000. According to Trud, Kondrusy-

ey told the conference there were currently 150 people infected with AIDS - 30 more than the total given by the top Soviet specialist on the disease, Valentin Pokrovsky, last month. "By the year 2000, according to

preliminary calculations, there will be 55,000 carriers and the number of people ill with the disease will be approximately 1,300," the deputy minister added, according to Trud.

The Pravda report said a special commission sent to the northern Caucasus town of Elista last month after 27 infants had been infected with AIDS in a maternity hospital found that infected syringes were still being used

The commission found blood in use. "We have to speak of an inertia of irresponsibility," Pravda added. Hong Kong to forcibly repatriate boat people

agreement reached late last year

Duchess of York 'not expecting'

plete, he said.

LONDON IAP) — Buckingham Palace said Monday a newspaper report that the Duchess of York is expecting her second baby was "all speculation." The Today newspaper said Monday that the duchess received a weekend visit from gynecologist Anthony Kenney who delivered ber first baby, Princess Beatrice, Aug. 8. Royal watchers are convinced that Mr. Kenney's visit ... heralds a brother or sister for Beatrice," the newspaper said. Kenney's office refused to confirm the visit, and a palace spokesman said: "It's all speculation, we've got nothing to say." The duchess, 29, is married to Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth 11.

Baboons make a monkey out of road alarms

JOHANNESBURG (R) - Baboons were making a monkey ont of South Africa's motorway emergency call-out system. Aping distressed drivers, the baboons were hitting the alarm buttons at service stations and had breakdown crews chasing their tails. But engineers have boxed in the buttons with baboon-proof cubicles and the monkey business has now stopped.

Be a president - at \$20,000 a night

PEKING (R) — Fancy being pampered like a king as a guest of China? You can sleep in the same bed, swim in the same pool and eat the same dishes as U.S. President George Bush - for just \$20,000 a night in China's elitist Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. In tune with China's swing from communism to a more capitaliststyle society, the state-run residence on Peking's western fringes bas thrown open its suites to the wealthy as well as the famous. "All of Peking's parks are crowded but here it is peaceful. and tranquil. This is no ordinary. hotel and, best of all, it is secure," said deputy director Sun Guotong. Swathes of parkland with lakes and streams, the fishing grounds of emperors 800 years ago, give each of the 15 villas the air of a country many sion. Preparations for Bush's arrival Saturday, the day Emperor Hirobito's funeral in Tokyo, are especially hecticate

between Britain, Hong Kong and Vietnam, under which Hanoi agreed not to persecute them. rants trying to escape economic hardship. About 25,000 Vietrepatriation. That involves about 10,500 refugees, some of whom have namese are boused in camps and But diplomats in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (R) - Hong Kong may seek to empty its crowded refugee camps by forcing some Vietnamese boat people to return bome, the British colony's governor said Tuesday.

Sir David Wilson, in London for talks with senior officials and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, spelled out the government's determination in an interview

with Radio Hong Kong Tuesday.
"It is absolutely necessary that we should go ahead with all parts of our policy, including the mandatory return of all who are not refugees to Vietnam," he said. Hong Kong regards many recent arrivals from Vietnam not as

refugees fleeing political persecu-tion or war, but illegal immigdetention centres here.

Wilson's comments, made only a week before the first boat people are due to head back to Hanoi from Hong Kong voluntarily. mark the first time a senior official has been so frank on the repatriation issue.

Westero diplomats in the British colony said they were surprised at the outspoken nature of the governor's remarks, saying that until now officials had taken care to stress they were only trying to establish the principle of

Previously Hong Kong officials had only said repatriation could nnt be ruled out as an uprion, but Wilson emphasised he thought there was now no choice.

"It is not an inhumane policy if carried out with the backing of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and with assurances

from Vietnam." Wilson said. But officials in Hong Kong made it quite clear forced repatriation would apply only to boat people who arrived after June 16

last year unless they prove they are genuine refugees.

already agreed to return to Vietnam voluntarily. The 15,000 or so who arrived before then will conninue to await resettlement in third countries.

is due to return to Hanoi March 1 following a visit earlier this month by a four-man Vietnamese immigration team which conducted interviews and issued travel documents.

said forced repatriation could run into major problems. "It's going to take a lot to persuade Britisb government ministers, including Mrs. Thatch-The first group of 81 returnees er, that forced repatriation is worth the political and humanitarian backlash," a Western diplomat said. Other diplomats pointed out that Vietnam had not agreed to take back people who were forced to return, nor was it likely

They are returning under UNHCR supervision through an River. If built, the reservoirs Yanomami tribe. "The river will

Amazon Indians on warpath against dams

ALTAMIRA, Brazil (AP) — In their first joint political action, more than 500 Indians from 20 Amazon rain forest tribes have gathered in this jungle town to protest planned bydroelectric dams that would flood their

Sporting green-and-yellow feathered headdresses and red and black warpaint, about 100 warriors from the Kayapo tribe ran chanting into a brick community centre Monday in Altamira, which is 3,220 kilometres northwest of Rio de Janiero.

The tribe circled in a ritual dance, then sat to applaud as the men, women and children of each subsequent tribe arrived for a week of debates, speeches and other events.

For the first time, Amazon tribes were together to discuss common concerns.

The Indians are protesting the proposed Kararao and Babaguara dams on the Amazon's Xingu

would flood about 7,770 square rise. The fish will die. The game kilometres of jungle, displacing 7,000 of the 220,000 Indians who remain in Brazil. About five million Indians

and "settled" what is now South America's largest nation.

Anthropologists have expressed fears about the Indians' conninued survival, as hundreds of thousands of non-Indian bomesteaders, ranchers and prospectors stream into the Amazon annually, chopping and burning away the rain forest and ignoring demarcations of native tribal areas.

"We want the government to rethink the dams," Jorge Terena of the Terena tribe told a cheering crowd packed into the community centre. "The land is sacred to us. It bas the roots of our culture and our ancestors." "We will not accept the dams," said David Yanomami of the

will move away." Later in the day, thousands of

farmers and local shopowners marched through Altamira, a roamed the country when the town of 38,000, carrying placards Portuguese arrived in the 1500s saying "dams mean more jobs saying "dams mean more jobs and more progress" and "gringos leave us in peace." "I know the Indians will have

problems, but I'm in favour of the dams," said Raimundo Castro Bastos, owner of an Altamira bar, "I helieve the dams will bring development and progress Government and industry lead-

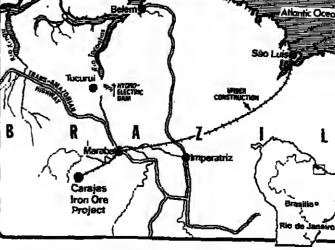
ers say the energy provided by the dams is vital for the growth of this Third World nation. The government representative to

the meeting, Fernando Mesquita, president of the Brazilian Environment Institute, spoke to whistles and boos from the crowd, which included native Indian leaders from around the



Brazilian environmentalists.

Amazon ecologist Francisco preserve the jungle



world, bundreds of foreign and Mendes, who fought against the

destruction of the rain forest by The late December shooting ranchers, increased international death of internationally-known awareness of the movement to